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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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Hongkong, October 17, 1896. 846

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PAID-UP CAPITAL.....$10,000,000.
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Hongkong, December 7, 1896. 368

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For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY Co.,
Per C. CAMPBELL.

Hongkong, January 15, 1897. 65

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FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	CAPTAIN.	DATE.
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SHANGHAI	*Rohilla*	F. COLE	About 7th Feb.
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* See Special Advertisement.

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H. A. RITCHIE, *Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 5, 1897. 200

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of February Next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1896.

By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 189

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 30th January Current, to SATURDAY, the 13th day of February Next, (both days inclusive), during which Period no Transfer of SHARES can be REGISTERED.

By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 190

NOTICE.

PEDAL ORGAN FOR SALE, 15 Stops, hand and foot blowers, &c.; Cheap.
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Hongkong, January 11, 1897. 78

JURY LIST, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of THE JURY CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE No. 16 of 1887, I have this day caused to be posted, at the chief entrance to the Court House, a list of all Persons ascertained by me to be liable to serve as Jurors. The names of Special Jurors are shewn therein in italics.

The said list will remain so posted until the 15th Instant, in order that any person may apply by notice in writing to me requiring that his name or the name of some other person may be respectively either added to or struck off from the said list upon cause to be duly assigned in such notice.

J. W. NORTON KYSHE,
Registrar.

Registry, Supreme Court,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. 223

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Interest of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, in the BUSINESS heretofore carried on by them at The VICTORIA DISPENSARY Ceased and determined on the 14TH INSTANT.

Outstanding Accounts of DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LIMITED, before the 14TH INSTANT will be Paid by the Undersigned, who will also Collect and Receive all Accounts due to the said FIRM.

The BUSINESS will be Carried on in the future under the Style of 'THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.'

For 'THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,'
J. R. CAPELL,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1897. 215

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my ABSENCE and until further Notice MR. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE has been appointed Acting Secretary.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 184

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8 PER CENT, or $1.20 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held THIS DAY, will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after MONDAY, 1st February, 1897.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 30, 1897. 21

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1897, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Twelve Months ending the 31st Dec., 1896.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 29th January to TUESDAY, the 9th Feb., 1897, (both days inclusive), during which Period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld.;
Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld.

Hongkong, January 13, 1897. 133

JAPANESE
FINE ART CURIOS.

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36, Division Street, Kobe.

Intimations.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Sixteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company Pedder's Street, at Noon on SATURDAY, 6th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th Instant to the 6th Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 22, 1897. 158

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Twenty-Eighth ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th February, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th Idem, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 170

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and of approving by resolution of the proposed purchase of HUNG-HAM Inland Lots Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extensions to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Hung-ham Marine Lot No. 1 on terms to be stated.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1897. 227

POSTPONEMENT.

THE DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING and DINNER of the above Society will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February.

Members of the Society desirous of attending the Dinner are requested to notify the undersigned on or before SATURDAY, the 13th February.

R. K. LEIGH, *Hon. Secretary.*

Hongkong, February 3, 1897. 144

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12.30 of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., Ld.

Hongkong, January 30, 1897. 213

Entertainments.

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SAM MARKS,
Manager.

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Hongkong, February 3, 1897. 238

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E. W. MITCHELL,
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Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 208

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Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 247

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Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1177

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OUR 2ND MATINEE.

A Tidal wave of innocent enjoyment for the Little Folks.
Children and their attendants Half-price.

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To all the Orphan Children of the Institutions in Hongkong—

MR WILLISON takes great pleasure in extending a Hearty Invitation to the Orphan Children to witness the Circus

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A hearty welcome tae a' oor Freens frae BONNIE SCOTLAND.

EXTRA ATTRACTIONS.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

EXTRA ATTRACTIONS.

Saturday Night, February 6th—Grand Boxing Competition for a Purse of Silver.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURRACHEE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME AND TRIESTE.

(*Taking Cargo at through rates to* CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT *and* ADRIATIC PORTS).

(*Also to* NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN).

The Co.'s Steamship
Medusa,
Capt. G. WALLUSCHNIG,
will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 11th Instant.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER & Co.,
Agents.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *JAVA*.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From MADRAS, ex s. s. *Sirsa*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 11th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

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THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Pingsuey*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 12th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the FRIDAY, the 12th Inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Amoy and Tamsui	Hailoong (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Feb. 6, at noon.
Australian Ports	Chingtu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 15, 3 p.m.
Australian Ports	Omi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 16, at 4 p.m.
Japan	Ancona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 12, at noon.
Kobe and Yokohama	Hiroshima Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 11, at noon.
London	Canton (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 6.
London, v. Ports of Call	Strathtay (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 9, 4 p.m.
London, v. Ports of Cal	Mirzapore (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 11, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Myrmidon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 7, daylight.
London, v. Suez Canal	Priam (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 13.
London and Hamburg	Bullmouth (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	February 20.
Manila	Yuensang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Feb. 6, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles v. Saigon	Natal (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Feb. 17, noon.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Tokio Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 12, at noon.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Port Adelaide (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Feb. 12.
Sandakan and Kudat	Doucalion (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 9, at 4 p.m.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Peru (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	Feb. 13, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Coptic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Feb. 23, at noon.
San Francisco	Falls of Dee	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco	Sumbawa	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Kanau (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 6.
Shanghai	Rohilla (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 7.
S'hai, N'kiang, K'bo & Y'ma	Java (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 6, at noon.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Miike Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 17, at noon.
S'pore, P'nang & B'bay	Medusa (s)	Sander & Co.	February 11.
S'pore, M'les, B've & H'g	Senta (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Feb. 6, at 5 p.m.
Stow, Amoy & F'chow	Haitan (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Feb. 7, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Braemar (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co	Feb. 18, at noon.
Tientsin	Kweiyang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 18.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co	Feb. 17, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Monmouthshire (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co	February 13.

To-day's Advertisements.

WANTED.

A STUD GROOM to take CHARGE of HORSES. Liberal Wages to Good Man.

Letters only.

BERT WILLISON,
HONGKONG HOTEL.

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RICKMERS REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's S.S. *Maria Rickmers*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 12th Inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on SATURDAY, the 13th Instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 4:—

Bylgia, German barque, 333, Manzelsdauff, Taiwanfoo Feb. 2, Camphor.—CHINESE.

Maria Rickmers, German steamer, 3,164, Berg, Hamburg Dec. 18, and Singapore Jan. 29, General.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

February 5:—

Rio, German str., 1,109, C. H. Davidsen, Penang and Singapore Jan. 29, General.—JEBSEN & Co.

Hunan, British steamer, 1,158, Frazer, Wuhu Jan. 31, Rice for Canton.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Daphne, German steamer, 1,291, J. Samuelson, Saigon Feb. 1, Rice.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Pingsuey, British steamer, 1,988, D. Davies, Liverpool and Singapore Jan. 23, General.—HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Spartan, British cruiser, 3,600, Alfred L. Winsloe, Manila Feb. 3.

Monmouthshire, British steamer, 1,871, W. A. Evans, Portland, Or., via Ports Dec. 24, Flour, &c.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

DEPARTURES.

February 5:—

Bullmouth, for Shanghai.
Patroclus, for Shanghai.
Thales, for Swatow.
Petrarch, for Saigon.
Nanyang, for Canton.
Matterhorn, for San Francisco.
Formosa, for Singapore and London.
Ariake Maru, for Nagasaki.

CLEARED.

Glenartney, for Shanghai.
Yuensang, for Manila.
Kriemhild, for Yokohama.
Hailoong, for Swatow.
Airlie, for Kobe.
Pingsuey, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Rio*, from Singapore, 336 Chinese.
Per *Daphne*, from Saigon, 1 Chinese.
Per *Monmouthshire*, from Portland, Or., &c., 5 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Patroclus*, for Shanghai, Mr Kenneth.
Per *Glenartney*, for Shanghai, Master Sydney Grant.

TO DEPART.

Per *Yuensang*, for Manila, 100 Chinese.
Per *Hailoong*, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Rio* reports: Light breeze and fine weather to 16° N. lat., and 112° E. long.; thence to port, foggy and fresh N.E. and N.N.E. winds.

The British steamer *Hunan* reports: Had strong N.E. monsoon, and showery weather.

The British cruiser *Spartan* reports: Strong monsoon, heavy sea, weather very thick.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY & TAMSUI.—
Per *Hailoong*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 6th February.

For MANILA.—
Per *Yuensang*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 6th February.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Myrmidon*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 6th February.
Per *Selma*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 6th February.

For AMOY.—
Per *Rio*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 6th February.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Haitan*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 6th February.

For PAKHOI & HAIPHONG.—
Per *Mathilde*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 6th February.

For KUDAT & SANDAKAN.—
Per *Deucalion*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 9th February.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA,
Per *Ancona*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday the 12th February.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
Per *Chingtu*, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 15th February.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet *Mirzapore* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 11th Feb., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, *viâ Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY Co.'s PACKET.—
The Canadian Pacific Mail Packet *Empress of India* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Feb., with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canada, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
10.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
11.00 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, *with the Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage*, until the time of departure.

Hongkong Tides.

The Tide table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water, Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

6th to 12th February.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Sat.	6	0 13 a	2 11	m 5 53	- 0 6
		11 46 a	3 6	5 47 a	- 0 6
Sun.	7	0 42 a	3 2	m 6 27	0 0
				6 34 a	0 10
Mon.	8	m 0 19	2 10	m 6 43	0 5
		1 10 a	3 5	7 39 a	0 7
Tues.	9	m 0 51	2 2	m 6 51	0 10
		1 46 a	3 5	9 21 a	1 1
Wed.	10	m 1 49	1 6	m 6 53	1 1
		2 30 a	3 7	11 27 a	0 9
Thur.	11	No inferior high-water.		nor low-water.	
Fri.	12	No inferior high-water.		nor low-water.	
		4 34 a	4 1	m 0 51	0 2

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.18	30.28	30.19
Temperature	50	49	49
Humidity ...	81	93	89
Direction of Wind ...	NNE	—	NNW
Force	1	0	1
Weather	c	od	od
Rain	—	0.09	—

Highest open air temperature on the 4th.....54
Lowest open air temperature on the 4th.....48

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 5, 1897.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, February 5, 1897.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	30.13
Do.	1 P.M.	30.07
Do.	4 P.M.	30.05
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	53
Do.	1 P.M.	53
Do.	4 P.M.	52
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	51
Do. Do.	1 P.M.	50
Do. Do.	4 P.M.	50
Do. Maximum		53
Do. Minimum overnight		51

Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 5, 1897.

OPIUM—New Patna, cash		697½/700
,, Old ,, cash		705
,, New Benares, cash		700/705
,, Old ,, cash		—
,, New Malwa, credit		760
,, Allowance, Taels		40/48
,, Old Malwa, credit		770
,, Allowance, Taels		46/54
,, Persian, Oily, cash		—
,, Allowance, Taels		—
,, Persian, Paper tied		690/700
,, Allowance, Taels		30/44

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Hailoong* leaves for Amoy, &c.
5 p.m.—*Yuensang* leaves for Manila.
5 p.m.—*Senta* leaves for Hamburg, &c.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong Ice Co., Ld., at the Company's Office, Pedders Street.

Auctions.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Drapery and Outfitting, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's.

Amusements.

4 p.m. } Willison's World Circus and
9 p.m. } Trained Animal Exhibition, on the Reclamation Ground, back of the City Hall.

9 p.m.—A Grand Military Concert at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Steamer *Oceanien* unclaimed after Noon subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 7:—
Goods per *Glenartney* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 8:—
Transfer Books of The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ld., from this date to 22nd Feb., both days inclusive.

TUESDAY, February 9:—
Noon.—Meeting of The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld., at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings.
Goods per *Kriemhild* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 11:—
Goods per *Java* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

FRIDAY, February 12:—
Goods per *Pingsuey* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, February 13:—
Noon.—Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.
Transfer Books of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld., from this date to 26th February, both days inclusive.
Goods per *Maria Rickmers* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, February 5, 1897.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	2/1⅜
,, On demand	2/1 5/16
,, 30 days' sight	2/1 5/16
,, 4 months' sight	2/1 5/16
Credits, 4 ,,	2/1⅜
Documentary, 4 months' sights	2/1⅜
On Paris—	
On demand	2.67
Credits, 4 months' sight	2.71
On Berlin—Demand	2.15
On New York—	
On demand	51¾
Credits, 60 days' sight	53
On Bombay—	
Wire	165
On demand	165½
On Calcutta—	
Wire	165
On demand	165½
On Shanghai—	
On demand	72⅜
30 days' sight, (private paper)	73⅛
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$48.50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$ 9.30
Silver (per oz.)	29½d.

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A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, July 4, 1896. 1551

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1897.

OF late we have been hearing a good deal of the decadence of British trade, and it is now generally admitted that foreign competitors, European and Asiatic, who have a long leeway to recover, are improving their position. It is inevitable that in certain branches of trade foreign competition will gain upon if not outstrip us; the gradual development in other races of the commercial instinct which has been, for generations, one of the most pronounced of our national characteristics brings an increasing number of competitors into the field. But the latest shipbuilding returns prove that in this industry at least Britain has not only maintained her pre-eminence but has actually increased her lead. Messrs Harland and Wolff, the famous Belfast shipbuilders, last year established a record in the amount of tonnage they turned out. They launched vessels having an aggregate of over 80,000 tons; this phenomenal output being larger than has ever before been launched from any yard in the world in any one year. Beside this everything else must pale, but it is noteworthy that no less than twelve British firms launched over 30,000 tons each during the past year, and that no foreign firm exceeded that figure. Messrs Cramp, the Philadelphia firm of which we hear so much nowadays, turned out 24,000 tons, and this, it must be borne in mind, included the U.S. battleship *Texas*, which is not the unqualified success her builders anticipated. In Germany, no single yard has a record of over 25,000—indeed, there is only one that overtops 20,000; and the largest figure in France is 13,000. The Messrs Wheeler, of Michigan, who build steamers for the growing inland sea traffic of the United States, constructed nearly 30,000 tons during the year. It is a case of Eclipse first and the rest nowhere, and it must be satisfactory to the shipbuilders, if scarcely so comforting to shipowners, to know that in spite of the low freights prevailing during the greater part of the past year, the total output of the British Isles reached the enormous total of 1,326,822 tons. Of this, the Government dock-yards launched 71,970 tons, which is 1,600 tons more than in 1895 when the record was the highest that had hitherto been reached by the Admiralty. So much for the past year. Orders have been largely placed for the current year, and it is not outside the bounds of possibility that 1897 will see an improvement even on the huge record of 1896.

The high reputation won by English, Irish and Scotch shipbuilding firms must have the effect of stalling off foreign competition for many years. In invention, in the application of the latest scientific appliances to ship construction, in the improvement of engines and the propulsion of large vessels, in the thoroughness of their work, British shipbuilders are unequalled; and after all the abuse that is expended on the types of vessels launched from the Government dockyards we have the patriotic satisfaction of knowing that there are, in the British fleet, fewer blunders and mechanical failures than we hear of in the war-ships of certain other foreign powers whom it is needless to specify by name. A recent mail brought us information that the American-built liners *St. Paul* and *St. Louis* were about to be overhauled by a Scotch firm. These were the vessels, to borrow the phraseology of our American cousins, which were 'to lick creation.' This is what the *Glasgow Herald* has to intimate regarding these splendid specimens of marine architecture:—'At the request of the American Line, over 300 men have been sent to Southampton by Messrs James & George Thomson (Limited), Clydebank, for the purpose of carrying through an extensive overhaul of the Philadelphia-built liner *St Paul*. About a fortnight ago as many riveters and caulkers as the company could spare were sent south in a special train, and on two subsequent occasions the number was added to, the latest detachment leaving on Friday night. The extent of the work undertaken may be gauged by the number of men employed. It is said that practically the whole hull below a certain level has to be re-riveted, and that the work, although being hurried through at the fastest possible pace, will take some considerable time to do. The sister ship *St Louis* will, it is stated, be similarly treated when she arrives on this side. It is high testimony to the work Clydebank put into the *Paris* and the *New York* that it should be asked to overhaul so thoroughly the two American built and manned ships which on the other side were confidently expected to eclipse everything on the Atlantic.' This application to a British firm must be a terrible blow to Yankee self-esteem, but it is too much to expect that it will put a stop to the absurdly pretentious claims set up by American journalists. From American shipbuilders, we may safely assume, Great Britain has not much to fear for some years to come.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—Lekin, Empress of India, Altmore, Cosmopolit, Independent, Zafiro.

Cosmopolitan—Nanchang, Taiyuan.

Aberdeen.—Myrmidon.

PATENT MUSIC boxes, Violins (fine models), Mandolines, and Strings of all kinds. W. Robinson & Co.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Jens-Meinich*, Dec. 15th; *Diomed*, *Adour*, 18th; *Tellus*, *Kirkdale*, *Normanisle*, 29th; *Obi*, *Sikh*, Jan. 6th; *Benvenue*, *Templar*, 8th; *Dardanus*, *Irene*, 19th; *Ixion*, *Ayr*, *Candia*, 22nd; *Agamemnon*, *Melbourne*, *Oolong*, *Dieke Rickmers*, *Normandie*, 26th; *Bayern*, *Melpomene*, *Keelong*, *St. Andrews*, 29th; *Aglaia*, *Ernest Simons*, *Cyrus*, *Dordogne*, *Glaucus*, Feb. 2nd.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Dorothea Rickmers*, Dec. 12th; *Manila*, *Mogul*, 16th; *Oanfa* 23rd; *Gerda*, *Benvoirlich*, *Courrie*, 29th; *Ernest Simons*, *Japan*, Jan. 5th; *Claverhill*, 8th Jan.; *Aden*, Jan. 12th; *Thekla*, 19th; *Gisela*, *Palawan*, 22nd; *Benledi*, *Radnorshire*, 26th; *Oceana*, *Hector*, 29th; *Yarra*, *Cassius*, Feb. 2nd.

Mails.

The P. & O. s. s. *Rohilla*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of 8th January, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, the 2nd Feb., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here about 6 a.m., on Monday, the 8th Feb. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 3rd December.

The P. M. s. s. *Peru*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of the 7th Jan., left Yokohama, on Sunday, the 31st Jan., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 8th Feb.

The C. P. R. s. s. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver B.C., for Hongkong via Yokohama, on Monday, the 1st Feb.

The Imp. Ger. Mail s. s. *Preussen*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 11th Jan., left Colombo on the 1st Feb., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 12th Feb.

The O. & O. s. s. *Coptic*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of 16th Jan., left Yokohama on Friday, the 5th Feb., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 13th Feb.

The P. M. s. s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 23rd Jan.

The O. & O. s. s. *Gaelic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 2nd Feb.

Steamers Expected.

The N. P. S. Co. chartered steamer *Macduff*, from Tacoma, left Kobe on 31st Jan.

The N. P. S.-Co.'s s. s. *Braemar* arrived at Yokohama and left from that port for Hongkong on the 31st Jan.

The s. s. *Chelydra*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 30th Jan., at 5 p.m.

The N. P. K. chartered s. s. *Strathtay*, left Kobe for this port on the afternoon of Feb. 2, and is expected to arrive here on the 7th Feb.

The N. P. K. s. s. *Hiroshima Maru* sailed from Singapore for this port on the 1st Feb., and is expected to arrive here on the 8th Feb.

The N. P. K. s. s. *Tokio Maru*, Australian steamer, left Thursday Island for this port on the morning of Jan. 29th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 9th Feb.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Oolong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 26th Jan., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 13th Feb.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Ningchow*, from Liverpool and Newport, passed the Canal on the 19th Jan., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 6th Feb.

The P. & O. s. s. *Hydaspes* left Bombay for this port on the 31st Jan.

The N. P. s. s. *Tacoma* left Tacoma on the 30th Jan. for this port via Japan.

Latest Advices.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Medusa* left Kobe for this port on the morning of Feb. 5.

THE Singapore Chamber of Commerce has contributed $500 to the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

ABOUT four hundred Chinese were prosecuted at the Magistracy to-day for firing crackers in prohibited hours. Fines were imposed, averaging $5 for offendors within the hospital area and $1 outside this area.

THREE *Centurion* bluejackets, who were loaded with drinks below Plimsoll mark, broke open two doors in Queen's Road last night and created a disturbance. They were arrested by the Police, and at the Magistracy to-day were each fined $7, with $2 compensation.

A STOKER named Taylor, from H.M.S. *Grafton*, while in a state of intoxication last night, amused himself by urging on a dog to attack several Chinese at West Point. Several Chinamen had their clothes badly torn and one man was so badly bitten in the left leg that he is detained in the Hospital. Taylor was arrested by a constable, whom he assaulted on the way to the station. At the Magistracy to-day, when the case came on for hearing, an adjournment was granted till the 10th February, to permit of the attendance of the Chinaman at present in Hospital.

JAMES Edwards, third engineer of the Scottish Oriental steamer *Kwanghai*, appeared to-day at the Magistracy on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and of assaulting the Police. The accused did not appear to answer to the charge of being drunk and disorderly on Wednesday, and P.C. McHardy boarded the vessel with a warrant for his arrest. He brought his prisoner ashore in a police pinnace, and Edwards went peaceably along till he came opposite to Pun Lun's photographic studio in Pottinger Street. Here Edwards invited the constable to go up with him to the studio to get some photographs, but the constable refused to go. Edwards then struck at the constable with his stick, but missed him, and afterwards kicked him in the side. P.C. McHardy however, stuck to his prisoner and took him by force to the Station. Commander Hastings imposed a fine of $30 for disorderly behaviour and a similar fine for assault.

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THE rumour is revived in Naval circles that H.M.S. *Powerful* is coming out to the China Station in the month of May.

H.M.S. *Spartan* arrived this afternoon from Manila. After a short stay here she leaves for England to pay off.

YESTERDAY afternoon, a purely civilian team of the Hongkong F. C. played a match at the Happy Valley against the officers of the West Yorkshire Regiment. The civilians held the upper hand from the start, and won easily by 4 goals to *nil*.

THE Cricket match between teams representing Cricket and Football Clubs will be commenced at 11. a.m. on Saturday, the 6th inst. Team :—*Cricket Club.*—Surg. Peade, R.N.; Lieut. Perry Ayscough, R. N.; Rv. G. Vallings, T. S. Smith, H. Bedwell, R.N.; Capt. Dyson, Sur.-Maj. Johnston, P. A. Cox, K. W. Mounsey, Capt. Trotman, R.M.L.; O. Stewart. *Football Club.*—G. M. T. Thompson, A. S. Anton, F. H. Kew, A. G. Ward, Lt. Shelford, R. N.; Lt. Davis, R.A.; C. W. O. Stewart, E. F. Mackay, J. M. Atkinson, F. W. Christian, D. Wood.

WILLISON'S Circus is drawing together large audiences every evening. In their somewhat crippled condition no effort is spared by the Company to provide an excellent evening's enjoyment. The commodious tent is comfortably seated, and is lighted throughout with electricity. To-night the management have arranged a grand fashionable performance, when a recherche programme will be submitted, and to-morrow night a hearty welcome is extended to Scotsmen. Mr Willison has generously invited the orphan children of the Colony to witness a matinee performance to-morrow afternoon.

THERE appears to be some misconception as to the number of cases of smallpox which have been discovered in the Colony during the past week. On inquiry at the Sanitary Board Offices to-day, we learn that eight cases have been reported during the week. Five of these cases are members of Willison's Circus Company. When the *Hongkong* arrived only one man showed symptoms of smallpox, but later on four others were attacked. They are being treated in the Smallpox Hospital. The remaining members of the Company have been vaccinated, and a medical man visits them every day. The *Hongkong* has been placed in quarantine.

AT the Magistracy to-day, two boys named John Cruz and Antonio Baptista were brought up on remand on a charge of breaking into a house at 130 Third Street, and stealing a gold necklace, a gold locket, a gold diamond ring, and a $1 note, the total value of $61, the property of Mrs Luis. The boys gained admission to the house by picking the lock. Sergeant Williamson arrested the boys in Bridges Street, and on one of the prisoners found the stolen necklace. The other articles were traced to several pawnshops. Cruz was sent to the Reformatory for three years, and Baptista was bound over in the sum of $50 to be of good behaviour.

A TELEGRAM, dated the Hague, 17th Jan., states that Mr De Vicq has been appointed Netherlands Consul General at Singapore. Mr Hudig has been appointed to be Netherlands Consul at Penang.

IT is rumoured, but not so far as we know confirmed, that Mr Holme Cook is to return to Kobe as Agent for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, on Mr Mactavish's transfer to the bank at Amoy.—*Hiogo News.*

THE other day, says the *City Press*, a man made his appearance before the magisterial Bench, charged with some minor offence, of which he was promptly convicted. 'You are fined ten bob!' said the chairman. 'Thank you, sir,' was the immediate response. 'There ain't no such coin, and I shall walk off!' And he walked off. The incident did not occur, it may be added, in either of the home counties.

DALZIEL'S Gibraltar correspondent writes: —The outside world little knows of the immense strengthening of armaments which has been going on of late at the fortress. Heavy guns of great power and quick-firing properties have arrived recently, one after the other. An ordinary scene is presented by some 100 gunners hauling in scientific fashion one of these monsters up the rocky and hilly roads of the fortress to the numerous batteries commanding the whole of the upper portion of the Rock from every point of view. Gibraltar has nothing to fear from Spanish land batteries if ever built in the vicinity, for it would take years to build them, and they would perhaps cost more money than Spain is likely to have in her possession for some time. Gibraltar shortly will also possess a well-equipped dockyard and a Gibraltar fleet. The fortress will, in short, be both ready for attack and defence.

IT is reported at Berlin that no fewer than four royal betrothals will be officially announced shortly: Prince Christian of Denmark (eldest son of the Crown Prince) to Princess Pauline of Würtemberg, only child of King William, from whom she will inherit a very large fortune, but she is excluded from the Crown by the Salic Law; Prince Max of Baden, nephew and ultimate heir of the Grand Duke of Baden, to Princess Feodore of Schleswig-Holstein, youngest sister of the German Emperor the Hereditary Prince of Wied to Princess Ingeborg of Denmark, second daughter of the Crown Prince Frederick; Prince Albert of Schaumburg-Lippe to the Duchess Elsa of Würtemberg, one of the seven daughters of the late Duke Eugene and the Grand Duchess Vera, daughter of the Grand Duke Constantine Nicolaiowitch. The Duchess Elsa, who is one of the co-heiresses of the late Queen Olga, will have a fortune of over 600,000l. Prince Albert is a brother of Queen Charlotte of Würtemberg, and their eldest brother was married last May to Princess Louise of Denmark, eldest daughter of the Crown Prince.

THE YOKOHAMA POISONING CASE.

THE CHARGE AGAINST MISS JACOBS.

WITHDRAWAL BY MR LOWDER.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent).

KOBE, Friday, Feb. 5.

MR J. F. Lowder, who acted as Counsel for Mrs Carew in the murder trial at Yokohama, has withdrawn the charge-of-murder preferred by him against the nursery governess, Miss Jacob.

Mr Troup, the Assistant Judge, who heard the preliminary evidence in the case, gave it as his opinion that Mr Lowder honestly believed the charge was true when he made it.

He, accordingly, allowed the charge to be withdrawn, and ordered Miss Jacob's release.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, 3rd February.

THE VENEZUELA ARBITRATION TREATY.

Venezuela has signed the Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain. The Right Hon. Farrer Herschell and Mr Justice Richard Henn Collins, Q.C., have been appointed the British Arbitrators.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE TRANSVAAL.

Lord Selbourne, speaking at Manchester, said that a permanent system depriving the majority of whites in the Transvaal of a share in the Government was impossible, and that no infringement of the London Convention would be permitted.

DISASTROUS FIRE NEAR SAIGON.

DAMAGE.—ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

We learn from *Le Courrier de Saigon* that on Monday, the 25th January, about one hundred and forty houses in the Chinese quarter of Cholon, near Saigon, were totally destroyed by fire. Never, in the memory of 'the oldest inhabitant,' has there been such a terrible conflagration in the French Colony. The fire broke out in a house in Rue Gallong, and spread with such rapidity from house to house and from street to street as to create a panic amongst the Chinese. The scene was terribly magnificent, and in spite of the combined efforts of the Fire Brigade and the military and civil communities the flames continued their ravages unchecked. The Chinese, as is customary, were too panic-stricken to lend any assistance. They contented themselves by closing the doors of the houses and bolting (*s'equiver*) as rapidly as their legs could carry them.

The loss is estimated at over one million dollars ($1,000,000), and only about a fifth of this is reported to be covered by insurance. Our contemporary calls attention to the sinister fact that the fire occurred at the approach of the Chinese New Year, and remarks that 'Perhaps the sons of heaven select this occasion in order to liquidate their commercial position.'

In this connection, it may not be out of place to call attention to the almost entire immunity Hongkong has enjoyed this Chinese New Year from serious conflagrations. The local Insurance Agents have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the success which followed the conviction in the Praya arson case.

Cholon, where the present serious fire occurred, is four miles from Saigon. The towns are connected by a steam tramway. It has been called 'the granary of Cochin-China,' and it is here where the principal Chinese firms have their headquarters. There are many rice mills in the town, as well as several large brickworks. In 1889, the population was 37,441, made up of 78 Europeans, 22,322 Annamites, 14,944 Chinese, 72 Indians and 24 Malays, but it is believed to have largely increased during the past eight years.

GOLF.

NAVY v. ARMY.

The return match was played on the links at Deep Water Bay on China New Year's day, a round of 8 holes in the morning and 16 holes in the afternoon. The interval was devoted to a very acceptable luncheon which was given full justice to by the competing teams. The course was a new one to several players on either side, but on the whole the rounds were accomplished with very creditable scores, considering the numerous hazards and sandy lies. On paper the Army had decidedly the best of it, the advantage being 19 strokes on the handicap, and the final result 13 holes up. The Captain of the Club, who was prevented from figuring in the previous match, was the only one 'up' on the side of the Navy. The gallant Major and a well-known golfer on the south of England links had a hard tussle; but by going a bit 'slow' they managed to equalize matters so far as they were concerned. We were glad also to see the R.E. well to the fore, spite of his long neglect of these links.

NAVY.	Holes.
Capt. R. Murray Ramsay, R.N.	3
Capt. E. Chichester, R.N.	0
Lieut. James, R.N.	0
Lieut. Keys, R.N.	0
Lieut. Farie, R.N.	0
Capt. Trotman, R.M.L.I.	0
Total	3

ARMY.	Holes.
Rev. G. R. Vallings	0
Major Grant Dalton, W.Y.R. ...	0
Mr T. N. Howard, W.Y.R.	4
Lieut. W. M. Thompson, R.E. ...	6
Mr F. H. Pellew, W.Y.R.	1
Mr M. D. Wood, W.Y.R.	5
Total	16

RECREATION NOTES.

The conclusion come to by the majority who witnessed the Shield game between the Centurion team and the Hongkong F. C. is that the better team won; but it was, strange to say, more to the curious and unaccountable lack of judgment of the Club goalkeeper than to their goal-shooting capacities that the Centos owed their victory. From this it must not be inferred that the Centos did not deserve to win. They certainly played the pluckiest game, every man played on the ball and played to win, and every man appeared to be in the pink of condition. Their forwards did not spare themselves, and went the pace from start to finish. The half-backs, although not quite 'first-chop,' were good enough to break up any attempt at back-a-daisical combination on the part of the Club forwards, and the backs and goal-keeper acquitted themselves creditably whenever called upon to clear. The chief fault was the one I pointed out after the first game—a sad lack of shooting power amongst the forwards. The centre forward and assistant left (I am unable to give their names as I do not know who composed the team, a fact which the Secretary might make a note of) are both able to send in a stinging shot, and I am astonished they do not try it oftener. With this important fault eradicated, the Centos will prove a hard nut to crack for any of the elevens still left in the competition, and if they do not win they ought to be very near it.

I expected the Club to make a better show than it did. But the loss of Rowcroft and the absurdity of playing Anton in his present wretched form was too much for the forward string. Grayson and Mayson (and especially the latter) were the best men forward, and both were too well watched to get away. At times Mayson's smart passes were a treat to look at. Gordon played a hard game on the right wing, but he put in lot of purposeless play. The half-backs were not so strong as in the first match—Slade was 'distinctly 'off,' and Looker, as usual, attempted too much. Crowley was an improvement on Pryce-Browne. Both backs played a splendid defensive game—each in his own style. Time and again they sent the Centos to the right about, and had their forwards, as a whole, been up to ordinary average club form it is doubtful if the Centos would have won.

By a strange oversight, I forgot, on the last occasion I wrote, to congratulate the Colts on their magnificent victory over the 35th Company, R.A. It was a plucky effort, and yet the Colts owed something, as they would be the first to acknowledge, to the weakening of the gunners by the departure of several of their old players. A correspondent propounds the question when a Colt ceases to be a colt. That is a question I leave to the Colts themselves. It would not be a bad thing, however, if they were to change their name with the commencement of the next season. Why not christen them the Harlequins? One of their number, the Goalkeeper I think, was 'playing the clown' at the Circus on Tuesday night!

The recent disaster which attended the Kowloon F. C. in their match with A Co., W.Y.R., has had the desired effect, and the Kowloonites are now practising hard, so that their next appearance in the competition for the Challenge Trophy may be look forward to with interest. The practice match on Wednesday was full of very good play, and the form of the Kowloonites must have been a great surprise to the regimental team with whom they were playing the return game. Should they retain the same form, I have little doubt of their reaching the final, and present appearances would seem to indicate that the trophy lies between them and the Centos. At any rate, when these two teams meet some exciting play will be witnessed. With Symington and Gow on the right, M'Swayed as centre, and Sutherland and Simpson on the left, a very strong forward line will be presented. The defence is good, and it only lies with the forwards to do their work. I might suggest that Sutherland be more free with the ball and put in some judicious passing; Simpson is also rather selfish in his eagerness to score, and if he would send the ball across the goal-mouth, his colleagues would have better opportunities of scoring.

Baily's Magazine, the well-known sporting monthly, discussing Mr Arthur Balfour as a golfer, says:—'He treats the game as seriously as Sarah Battle treated whist. There is no pretence of his not caring whether he wins a match or loses it; he likes to win, and when he plays with a friend he has usually something "on the game." It is delightful to witness the zest with which he enters into the sport. As he strides across the links he exults in the fresh air, sometimes handing his deerstalker cap to his caddie. He is fond of a foursome with a professional on his side. The iron shots give him most difficulty, but his play is generally steady. He gets a long easy drive off the tee, his second shot with the brassie is also clean, and his cool nerves are invaluable in a bunker.'

SPECTATOR.

KAILYARDERS in general, and Mr. Ian Maclaren in particular, says the *Daily Graphic*, will learn with deep regret that the end of the 'peppermint' is imminent so far as Scotland is concerned. Generations of Scotsmen have sucked the lozenge assiduously in a thousand kirks every Sabbath Day—it is as Scotch as parritch, whusky, Pitkeathly bannocks, and New Year bun; and it has stood the Kailyarder in better stead than the four put together. A rival is in the field. A wily North-country confectioner who made a study of the peppermint lozenge, chiefly in reference to its deficiencies for church work, has discovered that a thin shell of chocolate can be made to contain a globule of whisky, and he is flooding the marked with cubes of chocolate charged with MacSomebody's Best. They are having an enormous sale, and the confectioners note that by far the greater proportion of it takes place on Saturday night. In the country districts, where travellers are touring with the commodity, dilating upon its virtues, and distributing samples to leading natives and newspaper offices, brisk business is being done, and in more than one instance the old familiar glass cylinders, full of the fragrant peppermint, that have graced the window of the village shop since the days of Sir Walter Scott have been withdrawn, so materially has the popularity of the favourite been affected. A Paisley authority confidently predicts that by the spring of 1897 the peppermint lozenge will have shared the fate of the dodo, the Great Auk, and the feudal system.

THE BUILDING TRADE OF THE COLONY.

The Colony of Hongkong may be said to be in a state of rapid metamorphism, and its aspect in a few years will have undergone complete transformation. The large increase of trade and population has made itself known in various ways and none more markedly than in the building trade, which is at the present moment in a brisker state than it has been for many years. New sites being afforded by the completion of the central portion of the Praya Reclamation, the erection of many large business houses and offices rendered necessary by the increased requirements of trade is being proceeded with, and the completion of the remaining portions of the reclamation are the only impediments to the commencement of other buildings of a similar character. In a few years there will be a sea-frontage of buildings to the Colony which will entrival in appearance any port in the Far East.

The massive buildings erected for the Hongkong Club have now reached a stage at which some idea can be formed of the appearance of the completed structure. It will, however, be some months till the building is ready for occupation. To the west of the Club the much-required new Government Offices are to be built, and these, it is to be hoped, in spite of Colonial Office interference, will be constructed in a handsome and substantial manner worthy of their position and worthy of the Colony. The Law Courts and Land Office will be nearest the sea front, the Post Office and Treasury occupying the lot immediately in front of the City Hall. The Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank retain the two lots in front of their palatial edifice. To prevent any obstruction to the view from the Bank, the Directors propose to preserve this as an open space so that the Colony will have, in what is destined to become the business centre of the City of Victoria, a nice plot of ground laid out with gardens and tennis courts. Close to Pedder's Wharf a large area of ground has for several months been in course of preparation for the erection of a huge block of offices for the Hon. C. P. Chater. The design is a handsome one. This block is to be four storeys high, with verandahs on all four sides. In the centre of the building will be the servants' quarters and a domed court-yard. These offices, we believe, will be completed in about two years; all have already been let on prospective lease. The site to the west of Pedder's Wharf has been taken by the Land Investment Company for the erection of offices and godowns. It is probable that in due course Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. will build on the lot in front of their offices, and we believe the P. and O. Company will also commence building operations as soon as their site is ready. It is also contemplated to put up a small steel wharf in front of these P. and O. offices for the use of launches and barges.

It was not to be expected that Messrs Butterfield and Swire were to be behind-hand in any policy of improvement, and there is at present in course of construction for them on the lot close to the Victoria Recreation Club, a building which is expected to be ready for occupation in about six or seven months. The style of architecture is Renaissance, and there are many special features in its construction entirely new to the Colony. The front elevation of the building will have verandahs erected on their own ground, and a pretty effect has been made in the design by the introduction of a large oriel window in the centre of the front elevation and of minarets on the roof. The whole building is being constructed of Amoy and Canton red bricks and fine punched granite. The building will be perfectly fire-proof and also proof against the ravages of white ants, the joists in the floors and roofs being of steel and the window frames of galvanised iron. On the lot adjoining, the Hongkong Land Investment Company's plot, is to be constructed a large block of offices, which have already been leased by three firms. The Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company are to erect on the lot adjoining the Club a magnificent building in the classical style of architecture. The increased business of this Company has rendered it necessary to erect a building with double the accommodation of Telegraph House in Queen's Road. The front verandah pillars are to be constructed of granite, and granite arches, two storeys in height, form part of the design of the lower portion of the building.

The western portion of the Reclamation is likely to be largely utilised for buildings for storage purposes, and already several lots have been secured for the erection of godowns. A block of additional godowns is in course of erection for the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, and there are several large and extensive godowns built for Chinese. The proprietors of the Feather Factory at West Point, which pursues the even tenor of its way in a very quiet manner, has found the space within the present building too small for the work carried on there, and a two-storyed block, 200 feet long and 40 feet wide, has had to be added. The flourishing business of the Rope Company has also necessitated the erection of a large godown. There are numerous Chinese houses in course of erection in the Western district, one block consisting of ninety Chinese houses, while opposite the Portuguese Club there is a block consisting of eight Chinese houses and ten European houses nearing completion.

In the eastern district, there is also a large amount of work on hand. Extensions have been commenced at the French Convent, on the Praya, immediately to the east of the present premises, on a piece of ground now occupied by godowns. There is a new hospital at the top of St. Francis Street, and the Home for Aged and Infirm Poor is just about completed. This is a brick building, two storeys in height, consisting of two large wards and two small wards, with bathrooms. There is a verandah to the front overlooking the harbour. A big block of twenty-two houses is in course of erection at Morrison Hill Road. The stalls in the new stables at the Race-course will accommodate eighty ponies, and a large tiffin room is at last provided for the Stewards. There is now extensive permanent stand accommodation on the first floor. The kerosine bulk oil installation at North Point for the Langkat Oil Company is nearing completion. An iron pier 650 feet long is being erected. There will be two large tanks for storage purposes. The other buildings consist of offices and godowns.

There are a large number of residential houses in course of erection at the Peak and on the higher levels; these we enumerated in a previous article. The military and naval authorities have also a large amount of work in hand, and the pathway below Bowen Road to the new military hospital is almost completed.

At Kowloon the Whitfeild Barracks are rapidly being pushed forward for the accommodation of the men of the Hongkong Regiment at present lodged in matsheds. A block of residential houses is being erected beside the Officers' Mess, and near the Police Station at Tsimshatsui a brick building is being reared. A small terrace of three houses is being built for the Kowloon Land Investment Company to the east of Knutsford Terrace, and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company have nearly completed a terrace of handsomely-finished and much-needed houses for their employés at Hunghom Dock.

BETTER THAN FIGHTING.

The necessity of having American-built liners repaired by British workmen is surely a novelty. It was not only expected, but it was confidently declared that the *St. Paul* and the *St. Louis*, built at Philadelphia, and American manned, would outrace the most celebrated liners on the Atlantic, including the two great Cunarders, the *Campania* and the *Lucania*. That fond dream was never realised; and it now appears that a certain portion of the work put upon the American ships named has to be done over again. Messrs James & George Thomson, Clydebank, have, at the request of the American Line, sent quite an army of riveters and caulkers to Southampton to remedy the defects of the ships so boastfully built on the other side. The first to receive attention will be the *St. Paul*, and her condition may be imagined from the statement that practically the whole hull below a certain level will have to be re-riveted. It is expected that the sister ship, *St. Louis*, will have to be treated in an exactly similar manner. The work is to be done with the utmost expedition, but all the same the jobs are so extensive that they will take a considerable time to execute, and it may be expected that the Clydebank men will take care to show the American builders and their employees what good work is and how it can be done. The incident is a triumph for the Clyde, and one cannot but wonder what Brother Jonathan will say as to the shocking break-down of the miraculous ships which were to give America the Blue Ribbon of the Atlantic. The inevitable speculation on this side is that if the Americans want ships to beat the British Liners, they will have to get them built in Britain, and especially on the Clyde. Only the genius of the Clyde can beat the Clyde by excelling itself. We shall wait anxiously to see what American newspapers say about this wonderful failure in the art of shipbuilding. — *Glasgow Herald.*

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THE *Yorodzu* is jubilant because in submitting their disputa with a Japanese merchant to the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce, Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co. acceded to a request to use a seal on the document of submission instead of the ordinary signature. —*Hiogo News.*

SOME figures recently published as to the operations of the Pension Bureau of the United States are noteworthy. The Federal Government has on its list of beneficiaries 970,678 persons enough, with their dependents, to fill a city of the first class. Of this army 3,781 do not reside in America, but receive their yearly quota of 583,000 dols. in other lands. The number of pensioners was never greater than at the present moment, but there has been some falling off recently in the total disbursement, which in 1893 reached 161,774,262 dols., but has this year fallen to 138,000,000 dols. In a poor country the roll would be alarming. In thirty-one years the Federal Government have paid 2,014,617,709 dols.—an amount two and a half times larger than the American public debt as it now stands.

THE *Daily News* Odessa correspondent writes:—M. Grombtchevsky, who passed through this city some days ago on his way to St. Petersburg is about to proceed to Manchuria. The political labours of this most astute of Russian frontier pro-consuls in the Pamirs are now completed. He is to be invested with the rank of general in his new sphere of action in the Far East, where the area of his official jurisdiction will extend from the Amur to Manchuria. Those who are best acquainted with the special capacities of General Grombtchevsky, and who are exceptionally well informed as to the particular nature of his Far Eastern mission, confidently affirm that the ultimate object of his present appointment is the preliminary arrangement for Russia's acquisition of Manchuria, and the final extension of the Great Siberian Railway to its natural and predestined geographical terminus at Port Arthur.

MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES.

Macao, February 4.

Contrary to expectations, the Chinese New Year festivities this year passed off much quieter than in former years. The Chinese district that, in better times, on such occasions, was gay with the concourse of natives and Europeans alike, was not so well patronised this year. A notable feature of the depressing condition of the times is the absence from our port of the numerous junks that were in the habit of visiting Macao at this time of year. And I venture the opinion that so long as the 'Salt' Farm continues to operate, the decline in the number of junks that pursue the fishing trade entering the port will steadily be felt. A note of warning should therefore be sounded in time lest it might be too late to recover lost ground. Fears have already been entertained that a portion of the junk trade that, until recently, Macao had enjoyed has been driven to the Colony of Hongkong in consequence of the penalties the junk-owners are exposed to in view of the drastic measures which the Salt Farmer can bring to bear against them by virtue of the privilege he enjoys.

GLOOMY FOREBODINGS.

Owing to the desertion from our port of the fishing junks the 'knowing ones' speak of the year just ushered in with gloomy forebodings for the trade of Macao, whilst those of the Celestials who are inspirited with superstitious beliefs are hopeful that the New Year will be a prosperous one on account of the favourable condition of the weather on New Year's day. Be that as it may, Macao's well-wishers look forward to a better state of things in its commercial relations with the outside world.

DARING ESCAPE FROM THE PUBLIC GAOL.

Some considerable excitement has been felt here in consequence of the escape of seven prisoners from the public gaol. I will endeavour to describe briefly the circumstances by which these evil-doers successfully carried out their boldly-conceived plan. That some preconcerted action on the part of the fugitives was carefully arranged there is not a shadow of a doubt; but that such an action should have been permitted to be successfully put into execution is a fact that calls for very severe strictures on the public officers concerned, and should be made the subject of a most searching inquiry in the interests of good order and public peace.

The circumstances connected with the escape of the prisoners on the night of the 3rd instant are as follows. Some time last month, it was discovered that a certain cutaneous disease, known as 'Sarna' in Portuguese, had broken out in the gaol. As if is more or less contagious and as it was feared lest the contagion might spread throughout the prison, the Medical Officer in charge ordered the segregation of the affected prisoners, who were accordingly associated in a cell, temporarily converted into an hospital, in the top storey of the building. The eight prisoners remained here under treatment until Wednesday. Amongst these eight men, there were four who were undergoing their terms of imprisonment for serious offences, one of them being recently sentenced to be banished for twenty-five years. It is presumed that in this group there must have been one or more men who were masons or sailors by profession.

Of the eight men in the temporary hospital seven very cloverly devised in twisting a rope out of the rags they had on, and with this rope they succeeded one by one in reaching the roof. By means of a nail, an aperture was made through the roof, about 24 inches by thirty-six inches wide. Through this opening the prisoners made good their escape. But they were careful enough in gagging, before escaping, their companion who declined to join the band in their attempt to regain freedom, as his term of imprisonment will soon be completed.

From the gaol the runaways proceeded on to the roof of the Municipal Council buildings, a descent from which seemed almost an impossible feat to accomplish. Here again their ingenious devices stood them in good stead, for cautiously making their way to the eave of the building they reached the flagstaff. With the rope that was attached to it they managed to let themselves down, each taking his turn, and eventually the crowd reached the street, whence no traces of any of them have yet been found.

It was not until 2.30 a.m. that the escape of the prisoners was found out, when the alarm was immediately given and the various police stations in the city and out-districts were apprised of the fact. Alas! it was all too late, and, as already stated, these men of depraved characters, who had been tried and found guilty of lawlessness, are once again at liberty, perhaps to pursue a career of crime on the mainland or wherever they may be in the enjoyment of their freedom.

DEATH OF THE BISHOP.

A widespread feeling of profound regret is felt amongst the Roman Catholic community of Macao for the death of the Bishop of the Diocese, His Lordship Antonio de Medeiros, which occurred at Timor. On Saturday next there will be the usual service at the Cathedral for the deceased prelate, and orders have been issued that that day be observed as a day of public mourning throughout this City. R.I.P.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 5th at 11.30 a. The barometer has risen in Japan, but is still low on the East coast. Pressure remains high over Mid China. Gradients rather steep in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh to moderate N. and N. E. winds; dull, some drizzling rain.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

We have seen some curious reports of the rebellion in the Philippines, but the following from the *Glasgow Herald* of the 2nd January 'caps' the lot:—

HORRIBLE SLAUGHTER OF INSURGENT PHILIPPINIANS.

4000 REBELS DESTROYED BY DYNAMITE.

The small steamer *Baltic*, [*Belgic* apparently meant?] which arrived at San Francisco last week from the Far Eastern ports, brings further information of the fighting in the insurrection in the Philippine Islands. The Spaniards undermined an area over which the insurgents were crossing, and the Spanish troops fired the mine and inflicted terrible slaughter upon thier enemies.

The rebels were known to be approaching Manila on the 31 inst. The Spaniards accordingly constructed a mine, which they loaded with dynamite, in the open country, about ten miles from the capital. They also laid a series of bombs in rows, the area thus undermined covering altogether a space of three acres. The various explosive machines were connected with wires extending to a spot about a mile distant, where the operators of the electric contrivance by which the mines were to be fired were concealed behind rocks and trees.

A small force of Spanish troops acted as a decoy. They allowed themselves to be seen by the insurgents, who followed them in great strength. The Spaniards slowly retreated over the area in which the dynamite was placed, but kept themselves about half a mile away from and in advance of the rebels. The latter finally advanced on to the undermined district. The operators exploded simultaneously the dynamite mine and the rows of bombs.

The effect was terrific. The ground appeared to have burst open, blowing portions of human bodies 1500 yards through the air. To add to the confusion of the insurgents, a quantity of shells the insurgents had with them exploded.

It is believed that fully 4000 were killed. Hardly a score escaped. Over 100 dynamite bombs were used. They were planted about a foot beneath the surface, and were covered with sods. The Spaniards had been holding the locality for several days against a large force in order that they might prepare the mine, and they finally allowed the insurgents to drive them back without arousing suspicion.

CHRISTMAS DAY ON H.M.S. *PIQUE.*

CURIOUS CUSTOMS.

H. M. S. *Pique* was lying in Labuan harbour during Christmas week, and on Christmas day Divine Service was held on board by Commander Graham, at which His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Beaufort and several Officials and others were present. After service, Commander Graham invited H.-E. and party to go round the ship and inspect the men's Mess.

On arriving at the first Mess room to the accompaniment of a big drum, a concertina and a fife, a stentorian voice exclaimed in broad Devonshire 'If I was'nt a gunner I would'nt be ere—fire one!' and the sharp report of a pistol followed; in this way a salute of 21 shots was fired, the man giving forth the above remark between each shot.

On entering the Mess room, the long tables round the sides were groaning under good things and gaily decorated with green stuff and Christmas cakes and puddings, while bunting and evergreens were hung around in gay profusion, not the least conspicuous ornaments being photos of Jack's 'Sweethearts and Wives.' At each table were stationed the cooks of the various messes with plates of pudding, cakes, sweets, biscuits, tarts, and pastry in various forms, who wished the visitors a Merry Christmas, and insisted on their partaking of a sample of the various viands thus displayed, and by ancient custom there was no refusing. His Excellency used his helmet as a receptacle for the superfluity of good things in the shape of plum pudding, cakes, sweets, etc., that grew in number as he made his way through the various messes, and the ladies of the party each had to take a piece from each plate, so that when the rounds had been completed every one had a pile of miscellaneous confectionery to the r no small embarrassment and amusement.

A curious old custom on board is, that on Christmas day the Quartermaster, who is generally an old man, changes places for the day with the ship's boy and puts on the boy's clothes, while the boy puts on those of the Quarter-Master, and orders the other about, and it is an amusing sight to see the old Quarter-Master come running up to obey some order given in a small shrill voice by the boy Quartermaster almost hidden in his gigantic uniform.

After the Christmas dinner, the men dance and sing on deck and have the day to themselves; *indeed* nowhere is Christmas kept up in spite of climate, station or adverse circumstances, as it is on a British Man-of War.—*B. N. B. Herald.*

THE longest time during which a Bank of England note has remained uncashed is 111 years. The note in question was for £25, and it is computed that the compound interest gained by the Bank owing to its non-presentation amounted to no less than £6000.

SIR Gilbert Carter, K.C.M.G., is, with his daughter, at present staying at Clifton, and acting the part of Mr Micawber, now that it is definitely decided that he is not to return to Lagos. But it is stated in official circles that Sir Gilbert Carter will in a few days be transferred from the Governorship of Lagos to that of Trinidad, Sir Harry Johnston being offered his place as Governor of Lagos. Vacancies will take place soon also in the Governorships of Jamaica, Sir Henry Blake wishing to leave; British Honduras, Sir Alfred Moloney being on the promotion roster and wishing for a change; and Hongkong, where Sir William Robinson thinks he has been long enough. We believe (says a home paper) that if the Governorship of Lagos was offered to Sir Harry Johnston he would at once refuse it, preferring rather to return to British Central Africa to put in another year's service there, to entitle him to the pension for eight years service under the Foreign Office in malarial districts of Africa. The Foreign Office is not likely, however, to pass Sir Harry over to the Colonial Office, nor to allow him to retire in a year's time, and we have reason to think that a more suitable post will be found for him than that to which rumour at the Colonial Office has assigned him.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Kriemhild*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Option cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m. TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN Co., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th Inst., at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 2, 1897. 230

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glenartney* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN Co., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 7th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 14th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 8th Instant, at 11 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1897. 222

STEAMSHIP *OCEANIEN*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre ex Steamship *Orinoal*, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 p.m. SUNDAY, 31st Jan., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 6th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before SATURDAY, the 6th Instant, or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on SATURDAY, the 6th Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1897. 225

Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.
VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.
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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
in great variety.
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A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, *at very moderate prices.* 724

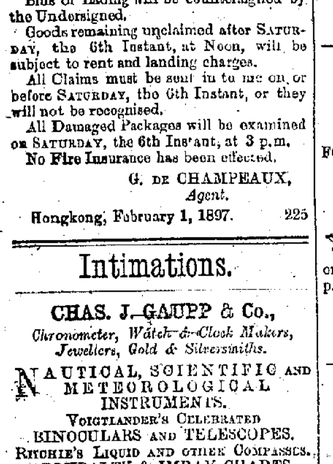
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Surgeon Dentist,
No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.

Hongkong, April 6, 1896. 628

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CHADWICK KEW.
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Hongkong, December 19, 1896. 2586



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FOR SINGAPORE, MARSEILLES, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(*Calling at* NAPLES *for landing Passengers if sufficient inducement offers*).

(*Taking Cargo at through rates to* ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN).



The Steamship
Senta,
Captain VOSS, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th February, at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 178

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.



The Co.'s Steamship
Kansu,
Capt. SOMMERVILLE, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1897. 229

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Co.'s Steamship
Myrmidon,
Captain GARDNER, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 7th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1897. 124

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.



The Co.'s Steamship
Haitan,
Capt. ROACH, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 7th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 3, 1897. 234

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.



The Co.'s Steamship
Deucalion,
Captain B. BRANCH, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 9th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

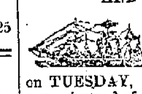
Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 209

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON, AND ANTWERP.



The Co.'s Chartered S.S.
Strathtay,
Captain MCKENZIE, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 9th February, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 110

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT.)



The Co.'s Steamship
Kweiyang,
Capt. OUTERBRIDGE, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1897. 228

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Monmouthshire	Saturday	13th February.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.



The Steamship
Monmouthshire,
will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, *via* KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 13th February.

Consular Invoice of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPLICATE, and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1897. 156

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(*Under Mail Contract*).

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.



The Co.'s Steamship
Omi Maru,
Capt. O. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th February, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation and is lighted by Electricity throughout. A duly-qualified Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

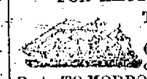
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 166

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.



The Co.'s Steamship
Haitoong,
Captain DAVIES, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 6th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 5, 1897. 236

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).



The Co.'s Steamship
Yuensang,
Captain W. WADDILOVE, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th Instant, at 5 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 3, 1897. 232

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship
Port Adelaide,
will be despatched for the above Ports on or about 12th February, 1897.

S. S. *Energia*, to sail about 22nd Feb., 1897.

S. S. *Strathleven*, to sail about 7th March, 1897.

S. S. *Macduff*, to sail about 22nd March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1897. 2602

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(*Under Mail Contract.*)

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.



The Co.'s Steamship
Hiroshima Maru,
Captain G. SHIMAZU, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 11th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 241

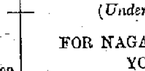
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JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(*Under Mail Contract*).

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.



The Co.'s Steamship
Tokio Maru,
Captain E. S. BARSTOW, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 12th Instant, at Noon.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation, and a duly qualified Doctor is carried.

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NIPPON YUSSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 240

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Co.'s Steamship
Friam,
Captain JACKSON, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th February.

For Freight or passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1897. 210

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.



The Co.'s Steamship
Chingtu,
Captain INNES, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 15th Instant, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 194

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN BOMBAY-LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(*Under Mail Contract.*)

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY

(*Calling at* TUTICORIN *on the Homeward Voyage*).



The Co.'s Steamship
Miike Maru,
Capt. P. H. GOING, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 187

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

(*Taking Cargo at through rates to* COPENHAGEN, STOCKHOLM, NORRKOPING, GEFLE, DANTZIO *and* KONIGSBERG, *with transhipment in* HAMBURG).



The Co.'s Steamship
Bullmouth,
Captain DAVIES, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 243

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



The British Barque
Sumbawa,
REHBERG, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, December 7, 1896. 2471

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



The 100 *A.I.* British ship
Falls of Dee,
LOCK, Master, shortly expected, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 243

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Feb. 13, at noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama & H'lulu).	TUESDAY, March 2, at noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ...	TUESDAY, March 23, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *PERU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *via* Overland Railway, to Havana Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 185

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG to LONDON, $400.
Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

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HONGKONG to TACOMA, $225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION):

Braemar.....	3,601	Thursday	Feb. 18.
Tacoma.....	2,549	Tuesday.	Mar. 2.
Victoria.....	3,167	Tuesday.	Mar. 23.
Olympia.....	2,608	Tuesday.	April 13.
Braemar.....	3,601	Tuesday.	May 4.

THE Steamship *BRAEMAR*, Captain PORTER, sailing at Noon, on THURSDAY, the 18th February, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *viâ* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and one copy *must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of The Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 142

Mails.



STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *MIRZAPORE*, Captain J. F. JEPHSON, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 28, 1897. 198

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *NATAL*, Captain CERVALIER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES *via* Ports of Call, without Transhipment.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 a.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 16th February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

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Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	TUESDAY, Feb. 23, at noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	SATURDAY, March 13, at noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	THURSDAY, April 1, at noon.

THE Steamship *COPTIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

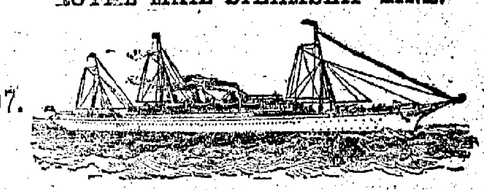
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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 237

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

1897.  1897.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE,
VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. C. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb./97.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. PYNE, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 17th Mar./97.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 7th April/97.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,*
PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 143

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

LIST OF EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS.

No.

A

129.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills Office.
130.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills.
40.—Anderson, Capt., East Point.
24.—Anderson, Capt., Praya Central.
8.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

B

158.—Beck, J. M., Residence.
143.—Bell Asbestos Co.
172.—Benjamin S. S., Residence.
148.—Benjamin, Kelly & Potts.
70.—Beurmann C., Residence.
96.—Blackhead & Co.
65.—Blackhead, F., Residence.
96.—Bradley & Co.
154.—Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.
122.—Burnie, & Goddard Capts.
39.—Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.
38A.— Do. do. Quarry Bay.
18.— Do. do. Shipping Office.
36.— Do. do. Sugar Office.

C

75.—Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.
42.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
126.—Canton Insurance Co.
133.—Carlowitz & Co.
111.—Carmichael & Co.
134.—Carmichael H. F., Residence.
152.—Chai On Insurance Co.
128.—Chan Choy, Residence.
22.—'China Mail' Office.
72.—China Sugar Refinery, East Point.
71.— Do. do. Town Office.
160.—Chow Fung Sinang, Residence.

CLUBS.

149.—Club Germania.
11.—Club, Hongkong.
116.—Do. Lusitano.
10.—Do. Peak.

163.—Colonial Secretary.
153.—Com. Union Assurance Co.
87.—Compradore, D. Lapraik & Co., Office.
88.— Do. do., Residence.
78.—Cousins, J. B., Office.

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12.—'Daily Press' Office.
85.—Dairy Farm Office.
67.—Dairy Farm, Pok-foo-lum.
121.—Danby, W.
73.—David, A. J., Residence.
60.—David & Co.
123.—Detective Dept., (Chinese).
25.—Dock, Aberdeen.
20.—Dock Co.

DOCTORS.

80.—Dr. Atkinson, Residence.
105.—Dr. Clark, Residence.
2.—Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie.
23.—Dr. Jordan, Office.
43.— Do. Residence.
159.—Dr. Paulun Office.
127.—Dr. Paulun, Residence.
35.—Dr. Rennie.
55.—Dr. Stedman, Residence.
162.—Dr. Thomson, Office.
163.— Do. Residence.

41.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

E

136.—Edye, Surg.-Capt., Residence.
58.—Electric Co.
58A.—Electric Co., Residence.

F

142.—Fenwick, Geo. & Co.
74.—Fletcher & Co.

G

135.—Gaede, Price & Co.
132.—Garrels, J. H., Residence.
48.—Gas Co., East Point.
47.— Do. West Point.
150.—Gaupp & Co.
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
44.—Government House.

H

156.—Hall, F. W., Residence.
171.—Hancock A., Residence.
50.—Harbour Master.
99.—Harling, Buschmann & Mengell.
86.—Harling, G., Residence.
35A.—Harrison, W. Stuart, Residence.
95.—Haskell, D., Residence.
92.—Hermann, O., Residence.
113.—Him Kee & Co.
27.—Holliday, Wise & Co.
101.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Office.
102.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Wharf.
126.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.
9.—H. & S. Bank.
84.—H. & S. Bank, Mess.
1.—'Hongkong Telegraph' Office.

HOSPITALS.

28.—Hospital, Alice Memorial.
60.— Do. Government Civil.
115.—Hospital, Nathorsole.
3.— Do. Peak.
110.—Hospital, Naval.
176.— Do. Tung Wah.

HOTELS.

32.—Hotel, Hongkong.
35.— Do. Mount Austin.
56.— Do. New Victoria.
29.— Do. Peak.
170.—Hotel, Windsor.

82.—Ho Tung, Praya West.
77.— Do. Praya Central.
59.— Do. Residence.
37.—Humphreys, J. D., Residence.
68.—Humphreys, J. D., & Son.

K

108.—Kaw Hong Take
64A.—Kennedy, J., Causeway Bay.
64.— Do. do. Horse Repository.
107.—Kin Fat Hong.
141.—Kinghorn, J. W., Office.
120.—Kirch & Co.
151.—Kruse & Co.

L

91.—Lamke & Rogge.
97.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
117.—Land Investment Co.
50.—Layton, B., Office.
50.— Do., Residence.
67.—Leigh and Orange.

M

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96.—Man Chuen Yuen.
98.—Mun On Insurance Co.
118.—Marty, A. R.
112.—Melchers & Co.
131.—Meyer & Co.
114.—Meyer & Co., Godown.
124.—Meyer & Co., North Point.
157.—Michaelsen, St. C., Residence.
155.—Mitani Bussan Kaisha.

N

125.—Nam Tai Insurance Co.
5.—Nam Wo & Co.
146.—National Bank.
109.—Naval Yard.

O

119.—Opium Factory.
46.—Opium Farm.
174.—Osborne E., Residence.

P

176.—Palmer and Turner.
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
69.—P. & O. Mess, Peak.
147.—Playfair, G. W. F., Residence.
15.—Police Station, Central.

R

34.—Ray, E. C., Residence.
51.—Ray and Davies.
103.—R. E. Guard Room.
104.—R. E. Mess.
140.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
76.—Richardson R. L. Residence.
19A.—Ritchie, H. A.
30.—Ritchie, H. A., Residence.
45.—Rope Factory.
169.—Ross A., Residence.

S

13.—Sachse, P., Residence.
62.—Sailors' Home.
4.—Sanitarium, Pok-foo-lum.
94.—Sassoon, M. S. & Co.
49.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
81.—Siemssen & Co.
173.—Smith, A. Findlay.
106.—Skott H., Residence.
139.—Soap Factory, Shaukiwan.
100.—Sperry Flour Co.
61.—Stevens, G. R., Office.
62.— Do. do. Residence.
153.—Straits Insurance Co.
53.—Sui Kut Bank.

T

14.—Telegraph Companies.
28.—Tomes, C. A., Residence.
187.—Tong Lee Chan, Office.
138.—Tong Lee Chan, Shaukiwan.
54.—Tram Station, Peak.
93.—Tung Kee & Co.

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16.—Watson A. S., & Co.
6.—Wharf & Godown Co., Head Office.
7.—Wharf & Godown Co., Kowloon.
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33.—Wharf & Godown Co., West Point.
57.—Wickham, W. H., Residence.
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144.—Wing Kee & Co., Office.
145.— Do., Godown.
63.—Wo Kee & Co.

Y

161.—Yan Woo Co.
38.—Yuen Fat Hong.
79.—Yeun Lam Kee.

PRIVATE TELEPHONE LINES.

'Hongkong Telegraph.'
Jardine, Matheson & Co., East Point.
Kowloon Docks.
Lane, Crawford & Co.
Lewis, Wegener & Co.
Meyer & Co.
North China Insurance Co.
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In case of FIRE ring up No. 18.
NOTE ADDRESS:—18, *Queen Central.*
For full particulars, &c., &c.
Apply to
W. STUART HARRISON,
Manager.

Hongkong, January, 1897. 164

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, January 30, 1897.
At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

	PRICE. Highest. Cash.	Lowest. Cash.	Chinese Names.
Butcher Meat.			肉食
Bacon, English, . . lb.	—	—	來路烟猪肉
,, Ame. Sugar cured ,,	350	—	花旗烟猪肉
,, Foochow, . . ,,	200	—	福州烟猪肉
,, Japan, cured . . ,,	260	—	日本烟猪肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut. catty	140	—	尾龍扒
,, Corned, . . catty	140	—	鹹牛肉
,, Roast, . . ,,	140	—	燒牛肉
,, Soup, . . ,,	100	—	湯肉
,, Steak, . . ,,	140	—	牛肉起
Bullock's Brains, . per set	60	50	牛腦
,, Tongue fresh, each	—	—	牛脷
,, ,, corned ,,	350	—	鹹牛利
,, Head, . . ,,	500	—	牛頭
,, Heart, . . ,,	150	—	牛心
,, Hump, Salt catty	140	—	牛肩
,, Feet, . . each	60	50	牛脚
,, Kidneys, . ,,	50	—	牛腰
,, Tail, . . ,,	100	—	牛尾
,, Liver, . . catty	70	—	牛肝
,, Tripe (undressed) catty	60	50	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet, set	500	—	牛仔頭脚
Hams, American, . lb.	340	—	花旗火腿
,, Chinese, . . ,,	—	—	金華火腿
,, English, New, . ,,	420	—	來路火腿
,, Japan cured, . ,,	260	—	日本火腿
,, Shanghai, . . ,,	200	—	上海火腿
Mutton Chop, . . ,,	150	—	羊脢骨
,, Leg, . . ,,	150	—	羊脚
,, Shoulder, . . ,,	120	—	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings, . . catty	70	60	猪腸
,, Feet, . . ,,	110	—	猪脚
,, Fry, . . ,,	160	—	猪雜
,, Head, . . each	500	450	猪頭
,, Heart, . . ,,	50	40	猪心
,, Kidneys, . . pair	—	—	猪腰
,, Liver, . . lb.	160	—	猪肝
Pork, Chop, . . catty	180	—	猪脢骨
,, Corned, . . ,,	—	—	鹹豬肉
,, Leg, . . ,,	190	—	豬脚
,, Fat or Lard, . ,,	140	—	豬油
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	350	—	羊頭脚
,, Heart, . . each	50	40	羊心
,, Kidneys, . ,,	70	—	羊腰
,, Liver, . . lb.	150	140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs, . . each	$1.75	$1.25	猪仔
Suet, Beef, . . lb.	110	—	生牛油
,, Mutton, . . ,,	100	—	生羊油
Veal, . . . catty	130	—	牛仔肉
Poultry.			生口
Chicken, . . . catty	200	—	鷄仔
Capons, . . . ,,	250	—	鷄閹
Ducks, . . . ,,	150	—	鴨
Doves, . . . each	—	—	白鴿
Eggs, Hen . . . doz.	110	—	鷄蛋
,, Duck . . . ,,	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls, . . . catty	170	—	鷄
Geese, . . . ,,	190	—	鵝
Hares, . . . each	500	—	兎仔
Musk Deer, . . . ,,	$3.00	—	黃猄
Partridges, . . . ,,	350	—	鷓鴣
Pigeons, . . . ,,	170	—	白鴿
Pheasant, . . . brace	$1.20	—	上海山鷄
Rice Birds, . . . doz.	—	—	禾花雀
Quail . . . . each	110	—	鶉鴨
Snipe, . . . ,,	170	—	沙錐
Turkeys, Cock, . . catty	550	—	火鷄公
,, Hen, . . ,,	400	—	火鷄母
Teal, . . . each	800	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks, . . . pair	$1.00	—	上海木鴨
Fish.			海鮮
Barbel, . . catty	160	—	加魚
Bream, . . ,,	50	—	鯽魚
Bombay Ducks, . 100 pieces	250	—	孟味魚
Coton Fresh Water Fish, catty	—	—	海魚魚
Carp, . . ,,	90	—	鯉魚
Catfish, . . . ,,	—	—	赤魚
Codfish, Salt, . . ,,	—	—	鹹鱈魚
Crabs, . . . ,,	140	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish, . . ,,	80	—	魚孟沙
Dab, . . . ,,	60	—	黃尾鯽沙
Dace, . . . ,,	90	—	鉄線沙
Dog Fish, . . . ,,	—	—	海狗魚
Eels, Congor, . . ,,	—	—	淡水鰻
,, Fresh water, . ,,	200	—	黃鰻
Eels, Yellow, . . ,,	—	—	鯽皮洋
File Fish, . . ,,	—	—	鯽田鯽
Frogs, . . . ,,	200	—	鱔魚
Fresh Fish, . . ,,	80	—	石斑
Garoupa, . . ,,	150	—	白鮀魚
Gudgeon, . . ,,	90	—	紅魚
Gurnard, . . ,,	80	—	白鯧
Herrings, . . ,,	100	—	黃魚
,, smoked . box	—	—	熏魚
Halibut, . . catty	90	—	龍甲魚
Labrus, . . ,,	110	—	黃花魚
Loach, . . ,,	130	—	鳥魚
Lobsters, . . ,,	110	—	龍蝦
Mackerel, . . ,,	—	—	鯖魚
Monk Fish, . . ,,	—	—	老鼠魚
Mullet, . . ,,	120	—	烏頭魚
Oysters, . . ,,	150	—	生蠔
Perchfish, . . ,,	150	—	鱸魚
Perch, . . . catty	90	—	鯽
Pike, . . . ,,	300	—	花鼓鱖
Plaice, . . . ,,	300	—	鞋底
Pomfret, White . . ,,	160	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black . . ,,	120	—	烏鯧
Prawns, . . . ,,	180	—	蝦
Ray, . . . ,,	50	—	花邑沙
Rock Fish, . . ,,	80	—	石狗公
Roach, . . ,,	—	—	鯉魚
Salmon, (Canton), . ,,	200	—	馬友魚
Shark, . . ,,	50	—	鯊魚
Salt Fish, . . ,,	100	—	鹹魚
Skate, . . ,,	50	—	魟魚
Shrimps, . . ,,	200	—	蝦
Snapper, . . ,,	120	—	立魚
Soles, . . ,,	160	—	龍沙魚
Tench, . . ,,	—	—	鯽魚
Turbot, . . ,,	110	—	左口魚
Turtles, Small, fresh water, ,,	200	—	龜
Whiting, . . catty	—	—	長魚
White Bait, . . ,,	90	—	鯽魚仔
Fruits.			菓子
Apples, (California), catty	300	—	金山平菓
,, (Tientsin), . ,,	—	—	天津平菓
,, (Japan), . . ,,	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant, . ,,	30	—	香蕉香蕉
,, (brides), . ,,	—	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese, . ,,	100	—	風栗
Carambola, . . ,,	100	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts, . . each	50	—	椰子
Ground Nuts, . . catty	100	—	花生
Grapes, . . . ,,	170	—	鮮荔子
Lemons, China, . . ,,	60	—	檸檬
,, Peel, . . ,,	—	—	柚餅
Lichees, Dried, . . ,,	300	—	荔枝乾
,, Fresh, . . ,,	—	—	荔枝
Limes, . . ,,	—	—	檸檬
Mango, (Saigon), . . each	—	—	安南芒菓
,, (Manila), . . ,,	—	—	呂宋芒
Mangosteen, . . dozen	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Sweet, . . catty	60	—	新會甜橙
,, Green, . . ,,	40	—	青橙
,, Red, . . ,,	100	—	紅桔
Olives, . . ,,	80	—	白欖
Pine-apples, . . each	50	—	菓地波羅
Pears, . . . catty	—	—	沙梨
,, (Tientsin), . . ,,	150	—	天津雪梨
Pumelo, . . each	100	—	碌柚
,, (Siam), . . catty	100	—	通羅柚
Peach, (Sweet), . . ,,	—	—	蜜桃
Raisins, Muscatel, . ,,	—	—	荔枝乾
,, Pudding, . . ,,	—	—	荔枝
Water Chesnuts, com. . ,,	40	—	荸薺
,, Mandarin, . ,,	60	—	馬蹄
Walnuts, . . ,,	100	—	合桃
Vegetables, &c.			菜蔬
Artichokes, Shanghai, . catty	40	—	上海丫治
Beans, (French), . . ,,	70	—	佛國四邊豆
,, Long, . . ,,	—	—	豆角
Beet Root, . . each	20	—	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green, . . catty	30	—	青茄
,, Red, . . ,,	30	—	紅茄
Brassica, . . ,,	20	—	白菜
Bamboo Shoots, . . ,,	100	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com. . ,,	20	—	菜心
Cabbage, Shanghai, . each	40	—	椰菜
Cauliflower, . . ,,	50	—	椰菜花
Carrots, . . catty	50	—	金笋
Celery, Chinese, . . ,,	30	—	唐芹菜
,, English, . . ,,	50	—	洋芹菜
Chillies Dried, . . ,,	130	—	乾辣椒
,, Red, . . ,,	110	—	紅辣椒
Curry Stuff, English, . ,,	40	—	加臣材香
Cucumbers, . . ,,	—	—	青瓜
Bitter Squash, . . ,,	—	—	苦瓜
Garlic, . . ,,	80	—	蒜頭
Ginger, young, . . ,,	50	—	新薑
Horse Radish, S'hai, . ,,	120	—	辣根
Indian Corn, . . ,,	—	—	粟米
Lettuce, (English), . each	10	—	生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh, . catty	—	—	生草菇
Onions, Bombay, . . ,,	60	—	洋葱頭
,, Green, . . ,,	30	—	生葱
,, Shanghai, . ,,	—	—	上海葱頭
,, Japan, . . ,,	40	—	日本葱頭
Okroes, . . ,,	140	—	毛羅
Parsley, English, . bundle	10	—	洋荽
Potatoes, Sweet, . catty	20	—	番薯仔
,, Shanghai, . ,,	—	—	上海薯仔
,, Japan, . . ,,	20	—	日本薯仔
,, American, . ,,	—	—	花旗薯仔
,, Foochow, . ,,	30	—	福州薯仔
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,, ,, (Long), ,,	—	—	長冬瓜
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THE NEW UNIVERSE—II.

It is probable that what Mr Corfe means by the 'teaching which denies the existence of God' is teaching which explicitly or implicitly denies the old conceptions of God by making grander affirmations of Him. The new views of the universe and of man's relation to it with which modern science has familiarised the minds of thinking men and women make it no longer possible for them to believe in the God of the old faith. The enlightened and enlarged conceptions of the world-order, which great investigators of nature like Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, Darwin, and Huxley have introduced, have had this result—that the old theological notions of the Deity and His methods of operation are no longer rational or tenable. These notions met the needs and served the uses of their day, but they are no longer adequate, intellectually or morally, for intelligent, informed minds. In that stupendous universe which the telescope reveals, there is no longer any place for the limited and localised Deity, and in that universe of omnipresent and unswerving law which Newton revealed, there is no longer any place for the capricious and arbitrary Deity, whom numbers of Christian teachers still present for men's belief and worship.

We are in an illimitable universe, of which we can conceive neither beginning nor end. Our God is for ever imminent in this universe, its Life, its Soul, that Infinite Life which is larger than all worlds, the Divine Providence which is identical with all law, revealed in all power, beauty, and order. His laws are no longer thought of as externally imposed statutes, but as the constituent and vital laws of things, equally inherent and natural in the dust beneath our feet, and in the highest moral life or the loftiest range of spirit. Our man is not the wreck of a once perfect creation, but God's finite child, slowly growing out of low conditions and finding his way to the light above him, gradually rising towards the shining heights of intellectual and spiritual excellence, in the midst of an infinite universe and with an infinite outlook before him. Revelation is no longer regarded as a finality, but as a progressive unfolding, as a continued revealing of the infinite thought and love and purpose, and it is found in every word of truth in the growing universe and in the growing soul of man, for all truth is enlightenment, and is of God. Our religion, then, if it is to be true, must face and match the unspeakable grandeur of the new universe in which we are living. With some of us, our belief in God, our confidence in moral laws, our conviction that at the heart of things there are justice and goodness, our hope of immortality have been deepened, strengthened, and ennobled by conceptions of the universe which to others seem destructive of faith.

When we study the impressions made upon us by the new and ever-increasing revelations of the universe, what do we find? That the tendency of all research is to reduce the number of elements of which the various forms of matter are composed; we approach unity of substance. As we track the energies revealed in matter, what do we find? That they become few and simple, indicating at the end of our search unity of force. With microscope, telescope, and spectroscope we study the great and the small, the near and the distant, and the wilderness of worlds becomes a mighty harmony, in which we discern unity of law. We watch the conduct of atoms and the behaviour of worlds, and in all the maze of change and motion we come upon the proofs of likeness, coherence, uniformity of change, and, we affirm, unity of plan. We have now four grand realities—Unity of substance, unity of force, reality of law, and unity of plan. These are found throughout the whole of the discovered universe, and to what do they point? To one law, one element; why not add, with Tennyson, one God? We rise from the contemplation of the material world to harmonies of the spirit and the wondrous fortunes of the soul; we perceive there the same infinite and eternal order. We think according to laws as fixed as the law of gravitation, and we find a world fitted to produce intelligence, for intelligence has come out of it; and we find this world in a universe which the mind can explore, and find everywhere provisions for its growth.

We live according to moral laws as invariable as the sun. As we grow we learn that, no matter how high a human being ascends in the scale of life, there are laws which punish or reward his moral conduct. There is a moral force which man never uses; there is spiritual power to match spiritual needs which yet remains unknown and unused. From all this the conviction is irresistible that this is a moral universe.

We find within ourselves the awful and tender susceptibilities to pleasure and pain which come from the use of the affections. With all the pain and trouble of life we ascend into the invisible but real world of light; and there we find the consolations and compensations which testify to the living soul that goodness is as constant as the sunshine, and, in the constitution of things, is as much to be trusted as the electric forces which bear our messages around the world. We affirm, therefore, the Eternal Love with the same confidence that we affirm the Eternal Law.

And by all this strong movement of the mind toward the recognition of the eternal harmonies of being, where are we carried? Away from the unifying God? Away from the power, wisdom, justice, goodness manifested in the material and moral universe? Nay, nearer to Him—nearer to an understanding of that supreme vision of the Infinite which, in Jesus, marks the high tide of spiritual power and achievement. And I verily believe that, when we have passed through the region of thought in which the intellect is now finding the grounds of its confidence, the sentiments and emotions will have free course and religion will burst forth in a glory that excelleth. So far from the Science and Philosophy of Evolution negativing the existence of God, or preventing a lofty and rational faith in Him, they have brought us a higher and more convincing affirmation of religious faith than any the world has ever known. If they tell us that God is unknowable in His essence, they but tell us what Scripture writers affirm; but they also tell us that He is known through His manifestations, through all the ordered beauty and bounty of the world, through everything that eye can see, or ear can hear, or hand can touch, or mind can think, or heart can feel, or conscience dare. And is not this enough?

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THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

HER ABILITIES AS A CARICATURIST.

'The Empress of Russia at Home' is the title of a sketch in the January number of the *Lady's Realm*. It is written, the editor vouches, by a recent visitor at the Russian Court who had special privileges of observation. The article is illustrated. The Empress is seen in all the stages of her career, from babyhood to her appearance in her coronation robes:—

Of the splendours of the Russian Court the impression conveyed in the *Lady's Realm* is dazzling, and the picture of the surroundings preferred by the Empress is in striking contrast. She has forsworn the costly splendours of the imperial palaces, and cares not for the 5,000 golden and silver salvers that decorate the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg. She has had her private apartments fitted with the simplest furniture and decorations. The broad, comfortable sofa in the bedchamber is covered with simple English cretonne. The bedroom crockery, covered with a pretty pink pattern, is of plain English make. The chairs are of the plainest design in oak. A great deal of the new furniture of the palace is supplied by Messrs Maple. The Czarina has been greatly influenced by the English method of country-house life. She therefore has retired from the splendours of St. Petersburg, and the larger palaces at Tsarskoe Selo and Peterhof, to a little secluded mansion in the Peterhof Park. To this place, surrounded by a tall green hedge, none but the most favoured statesmen or ladies ever penetrate. All round runs a thick park of natural woods and artificial lakes. There the young pair live exactly as our own Prince does at Sandringham. There are the same cheery, informal English breakfast parties. Along the wooded drives the Czarina herself takes out the imperial baby, the Grand Duchess Olga, and sits amid the shade and greenery with her little daughter in her arms, hearing far off the sound of the lofty fountains of the state palace of Peterhof. For similar reasons—namely, greater privacy and the convenience of the shady woods for the young child—a small palace (the Alexander) in the charming woods of Tsarskoe Selo has been preferred, as a residence, to the Old Palace—a great white structure, nearly 800 feet long—of Catherine II. In a glimpse of the private life of the Emperor and Empress the latter is represented as being surprised by her husband in making caricature sketches—the late Prince Lobanoff, Li Hung Chang, Prince Nelidoff, Sir Nicholas O'Conor the subjects. The writer says:—'The Emperor, who is very much in love, is so heartily amused that he insists on being caricatured himself. The Empress at first refuses stoutly, but, on cajoleries being applied, at length yields. I trust I am not revealing a State secret; but those who witnessed the ultimate sketch of the Czar will never forget it. In a few minutes the picture is complete; the Czar is represented as a solemn, bearded, but bald infant, in long clothes, and tied into a high chair. He is surrounded by a crowd of anxious relatives, Grand Dukes, Grand Duchesses, flourishing feeding-bottles and napkins, and each insisting on his being fed in a different way. Meanwhile the distracted infant, who is thus disposed of willy nilly, is beginning to cry. The poignant humour of this sketch, which sums up the present family situation in Russia, need not be illustrated further.'

BE CAREFUL WITH THAT LAMP!

I sincerely hope that Mrs Filmer has abandoned the custom of keeping an oil lamp burning in her room of nights. She does not say what the necessity was, but I trust it no longer exists. If possible to avoid it, no light should burn in a room wherein people are sleeping. The reasons ought to be plain enough, yet we all need lessons in common caution. This lady had hers, and was fortunate in coming out of the affair as well as she did.

Writing about it she says: 'It was in the summer of 1886, not long after the death of my husband. I had been used to keeping an oil lamp burning in my room for convenience during the night. One night I accidentally overturned the lamp, and a blaze kindled in an instant. Terrified half out of my wits I sprang from bed, seized the burning articles and ran downstairs with them just in time to prevent further disaster. Happily for me I escaped with slight burns, but not from consequences of another kind.

'The fright and shock quite prostrated me. Do what I would, after the danger was all over, I was unable to banish the subject from my thoughts. My nerves seemed completely unhinged, and I rapidly grew feeble, excitable, and debilitated. My appetite failed, and I had no relish for my ordinary food. There was a bad taste in my mouth, headache, distress after eating, loss of flesh and ambition, with a disposition to worry and fret over things which, when I was well, had no influence with me whatever. I sought to build up my strength with beef tea and other nutritious and digestible forms of diet, without success.

'The doctors whom I consulted said I was suffering from nervous debility and weakness. They gave me prescriptions, which the chemist made up for me; but they had no effect, and what I suffered I have no words to tell you. My health appeared to have been all broken up suddenly, as a railway train goes to pieces in a collision. Month after month I struggled with this strange ailment, but could find no remedy to relieve me. Not until January, 1887, did I see my way out of the trouble which followed my adventure of that fearful night.

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Now I invite the reader's attention to a double fact; First (as is daily shown in these articles), that indigestion will disorder and disease the nervous system; and (second) that a violent shock to the nervous system will produce indigestion of a profound and intractable type. The latter fact is illustrated by the case we are now considering. There is no space here to treat of it at length. Let it suffice for the present that, either way, the remedy must be addressed to the digestion—*not* to the nerves. No competent physician treats a so-called 'nervous' disease *as* a nervous disease. He seeks for the *location* of the evil force, which is commonly the stomach; corrects *that* if he can, and leaves the nerves to right themselves as they always do. This is what Mother Seigel's Syrup did for Mrs Filmer, and will do for you, in case (which Providence forbid) you are ever overthrown in like manner.

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Hongkong Rates of Postage.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in *cents*, and are, for Letters *per half ounce*, for Books and Patterns, *per two ounces*.

Newspapers over two ounces in weight are charged as double, treble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must *anything whatever* be inserted, except bonâ fide Supplements of the *same paper* and the *same date*. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books.

The sender of a Registered Article for a Union Country may obtain an acknowledgement of delivery on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces except to Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxemburg, Mexico, Persia, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Servia, Siam, Spain, Switzerland, Tunis, The Argentine Republic, The Dominican Republic, The Republic of Honduras, United States, to which places 12 oz. (350 grammes) is the limit, and must not exceed these dimensions: 12 inches by 8 inches by 4 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise all civilised countries.

Postage to the United Kingdom.

Letters,	10 cents per ½ oz.
Post Cards,	4 cents each.
Registration,	10 cents.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers,	2 cents per 2 oz.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:—

Letters,	10 cents per ½ oz.
Post Cards,	4 cents each.
Reply Post Cards,	8 cents each.
Registration,	10 cents.
Newspapers,	2 cents per 2 oz.
Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers,	2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

The General Local Rates for Hongkong, China and Treaty Ports (Canton excepted) are:—

Letters per ½ oz., 5 cents (e).
Post Cards, each, 1 cent.
Reply Post Cards, 2 cents each.
Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.
Newspapers and Prices Current, 2 cach per 2 oz.
Registration, 5 cents.

(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week-day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day. In Town (Ship Street to Bonham Strand West, up to level of Robinson Road) at 8 a.m. 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. In the Suburbs, 9 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., *all of the same weight*, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unstamped the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

3. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes or Jewellery and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters.

It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet *via Gibraltar*. No parcel is sent with the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 3 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 40 cents per lb., and 25 cents each succeeding lb or fraction of a lb, which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs dues. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as band-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds $500. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out *vid Gibraltar*.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of $10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handsomely bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the *Contents* of Registered covers which have reached their destinations. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Missent or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been missent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, *Sent to* ——, or *Received at 7 p.m.*, or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs, &c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports of China, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight may be sent to the Post Office unstamped, the postage, at the rate of one cent each, being paid in cash or charged to the sender's account. Special accounts may be opened with non-box-holders for the delivery of considerable numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places other than Hongkong or China, must be prepaid two cents each in stamps as heretofore.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2 ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs, &c., must be under 4 ounces each in weight. Heavier articles will be charged ordinary rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c. may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed circulars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be complete. That is to say, on such covers as are not addressed to heads of houses the addressee's residence or place of business must be added. Incompletely addressed covers will be returned to the sender for address.

Money Orders.

[Office Hours (Sundays and holidays excepted) 10 to 4, Saturdays 10 to 1, but the office is open from 10 to 5 on the working day next before any mail for Europe, which leaves at noon.]

[Money orders cannot be issued or cashed on mail mornings, when closing mails for Europe, until noon.]

1.—Money Orders are issued at Hongkong and Shanghai at current rates of exchange on the following Countries and places:—

Canada.
China Ports (Hoihow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Hankow, and Shanghai).
Ceylon.
Hawaii (Sandwich Islands).
British India (including Burmah and the Agencies of the Indian Post Office in the Persian Gulf).
Japan Ports (Nagasaki, Osaka, Hiogo, Kobe, Kioto, Yokohama and Hakodate).
New South Wales.
New Zealand.
British North Borneo.
Queensland.
Siam (Bangkok only).
South Australia.
Straits Settlements (Singapore, Penang and Malacca).
Tasmania.
United Kingdom.
Victoria.
United States of America.

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Foreign Countries:—

Austria-Hungary.
Belgium.
Bulgaria.
Chili.
Denmark (including Iceland and Faroe Islands).
Danish West Indies.
Egypt.
France, with Algeria.
German Empire (including Heligoland and the Cameroons).
Holland.
Italy (with Agencies at Tripoli, Assab and Massowah).
Norway.
Orange Free States.
Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores).
Roumania.
Sweden.
Switzerland.
Transvaal.
Tunis.

Foreign Cities and Towns:—

Constantinople.	Salonica.
Smyrna.	Panama.
Adrianople.	Tangier.
Beyrout.	

British Colonies:—

	WEST INDIES.
Cyprus.	
Falkland Islands.	Antigua.
Gibraltar.	Bahamas.
Malta.	Barbadoes.
Newfoundland.	Bermuda.
AFRICA.	British Guiana.
British Bechuanaland.	British Honduras.
Cape Colony.	Dominica.
Gambia.	Grenada.
Gold Coast Colony.	Jamaica.
Lagos.	Montserrat.
Mauritius.	Nevis.
Natal.	St. Kitts.
St. Helena.	St. Lucia.
Seychelles.	St. Vincent.
Sierra Leone.	Tobago.
Mombasa.	Trinidad.
Lamu.	Turks' Islands.

2.—Orders on the Countries drawn *through the London Post Office* are paid less the following discount for which the remitter should allow. All such Orders must be expressed in British currency:—

For sums not exceeding £2, ... 3d.
,, Exceeding £2 but not ex'ding £ 5 .. 6d.
,, ,, £5 ,, ,, £ 7 .. 9d.
,, ,, £7 ,, ,, £10 1s. 0d.

3.—The commission charged is as follows (according to the currency the Order is drawn in):—

(a.) For sums not exceeding:—£1, 12 cts.; £2, 24 cts.; £3, 36 cts.; £4, 48 cts.; £5, 60 cts.; £6, 72 cts.; £7, 84 cts.; £8, 96 cts.; £9, $1.08; £10, $1.20.

(b.) Up to $10, or 20 rupees, 20 cts.; $25, or 50 rupees, 40 cts.; $35, or 70 rupees, 60 cts.; $50, or 100 rupees, 80 cts.; 150 rupees, $1.00.

4.—No Order must exceed £10 or $50) unless drawn on India, when 150 Rupees, is the limit.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—FEBRUARY 5, 1897.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	184 % prem. = $355, sales & [sellers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	39,950	£ 5	£ 5	nom.
,, ordinary ,,	199,875	£ 8	£ 2.10	nom.
,, deferred ,,	1,250	£ 1	£ 1	£5, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited...	...	£ 10	£ 8	$26½
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$180, sales and buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	$78, sales
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 195
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 100	$ 20	$28½, sales
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$237½, sales
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$160
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$115, sales and buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$375, sales and buyers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	230 % prm., = $412.50, [buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$68, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	$ 50	all	$62, sales
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$ 15	$ 15	$32⅞, ex div.
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$43½, sales and sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£7, buyers
			£ 10	£6
Do. (new issue).	20,000	£ 10	£ 5	£2.5
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	$ 100	all	$139, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	$ 100	all	$50, sales and buyers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$59, sales
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited.	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$43½
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$77, sellers.
Kowloon Land and Building Company,	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$15½, buyers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$ 10	all	$9½, sales
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	$ 50	$ 40	$19, sales and buyers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$94, buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$2.25, buyers
Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 4	all	$10
Société Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	12,000	Fcs. 500	all	$75, sellers
New Balmoral Gold M'ing Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 3	all	$1.30
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	13/10	$10½, sales
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	A 15,000	$ 5	$ 5	$5
	B 20,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$2½
	25,000	$ 5	$ 1	$1
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500	$ 100	$ 55	nom.
F. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liq.	6,000	$ 50	all	in liq.
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Lt.	12,000	$ 50	all	$36
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000	$ 10	all	$12.50, sales
Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Ld. in Liq.	50,000	$ 5	all	in liquidation
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£ 10	all	$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	30,000	$ 10	$ 5	$7½, sales
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 10	$ 10	$21, sales and buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Ball's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	3,000	£ 1	£1	$8
	7,000	£ 1	£ 15/-	$8, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$ 10	all	$6, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$32, sales and buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	600	$ 50	all	$30
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7½	$ 5	$5, nom.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$ 25	all	$113
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$155, sales
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 85, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 90
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 90
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	$ 25	$ 20	$8.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls 500	Tls. 525

* Founder's shares

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886 a	Tls. 767,800	Tls. 250	7 % p. annum	10 % prem.

A. G. STOKES, Share-broker.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Anchorage.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Airlie	3 k	Ellis	Brit. str.	2400	Feb. 2	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Kobe	To-morrow
Almore	...	Watson	Brit. str.	1497	Jan. 20	Shewan, Tomes & Co	....	K'loon Dock
Amoy	3 c	Wulff	Ger. str.	663	Jan. 3	Order		
Ask	6 b	Hygom	Danish str.	654	Feb. 1	A. R. Marty		
Belgic	5 c	Rinder	Brit. str.	2695	Jan. 28	O. & O S. S. Co.		
Benmohr	3 k	Batillier	Brit. str.	1935	Feb. 2	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Chow Tai	2 c	Morris	Brit. str.	1115	Jan. 31	Yuen Fat Hong		
Cosmopolit	...	Holtz	Ger. str.	552	Jan. 30	Wieler & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Daphne	5 c	Samuelson	Ger. str.	1291	Feb. 5	Siemssen & Co.		
Deucalion	5 c	Branch	Brit. str.	1374	Jan. 29	Butterfield & Swire	Sandakan	9th inst.
Deuteros	5 c	Lassen	Ger. str.	1198	Jan. 29	Siemssen & Co.		
Empress of India	...	Marshall	Brit. str.	3003	Jan. 26	C. P. R. Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Esmeralda	3 c	Tayler	Brit. str.	966	Feb. 4	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Glenartney	5 c	Gedye	Brit. str.	1943	Jan. 31	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Hailoong	5 h	Davis	Brit. str.	783	Jan. 31	Douglas Steamship Co.	Amoy & Tamsui	To-morrow
Haitan	h 5	Roach	Brit. str.	1183	Feb. 2	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	7th inst.
Hohenzollern	5 c	Harrassowitz	Ger. str.	2030	Feb. 1	Melchers & Co.		
Hongkong	6 h	Scott	Fch. str.	737	Feb. 1	A. R. Marty		
Hanan	5 c	Frazer	Brit. str.	1158	Feb. 5	Butterfield & Swire		
Independent	...	Ahrenkiel	Ger. str.	891	Jan. 22	Wieler & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Jacob Christensen	3 c	Hansen	Norw. str.	1068	Jan. 21	Melchers & Co.		
Java	5 k	Chellew	Brit. str.	2632	Feb. 4	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Kriemhild	5 c	Biermann	Ger. str.	1620	Feb. 2	Siemssen & Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Loyal	3 c	Lorensen	Ger. str.	1237	Jan. 31	Wieler & Co.		
Maria Rickmers	5 c	Berg	Ger. str.	3164	Feb. 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Mathilde	3 c	Berg	Ger. str.	600	Jan. 30	Jebsen & Co.		
Myrmidon	3 c	Gardner	Brit. str.	1816	Feb. 2	Butterfield & Swire	Singapore	To-morrow
Nanchang	...	Finlayson	Brit. str.	1060	Dec. 17	Butterfield & Swire	....	Cos'tan Dock
Onsang	5 c	Young	Brit. str.	1787	Feb. 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Pingsuey	5 k	Davies	Brit. str.	1988	Feb. 5	Holliday, Wise & Co.	Shanghai, &c.	To-morrow
Propontis	5 c	Farrand	Brit. str.	1390	Dec. 24	Chinese		
Rio	5 h	Davidson	Ger. str.	1109	Feb. 5	Jebsen & Co.	Amoy	7th inst.
Sabine Rickmers	5 c	Sanders	Ger str.	598	Jan. 25	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Senta	3 c	Voss	Ger. str.	2660	Feb. 2	Siemssen & Co.	Singapore	To-morrow
Taichiow	2 c	Primrose	Brit. str.	862	Feb. 4	Yuen Fat Hong		
Taiyuan	...	Nelson	Brit. str.	1459	Jan. 28	Butterfield & Swire	....	Cos'tan Dock
Tamarind	5 c	Dannerig	Norw. str.	730	Feb. 2	Wieler & Co.		
Toyo Maru	5 c	Hayashi	Japan. str.	1500	Feb. 2	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Triumph	3 c	Moller	Ger. str.	675	Jan. 26	Jebsen & Co.	Hoihow	To-morrow
Wong-koi	3 c	Stonham	Brit. str.	1115	Jan. 29	Butterfield & Swire		
Wuotan	3 c	Ott	Ger. str.	1015	Feb. 4	Lauts, Wegener & Co.		
Yuensang	3 c	Waddilove	Brit. str.	1166	Feb. 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Zafiro	...	Cobban	Brit. str.	675	Jan. 29	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Sailing Vessels.								
Bylgia	2 k	Manzelsdauff	Ger. bqe.	333	Feb. 4	Chinese		
Coloma	2 k	Noyes	Amr. bqe.	814	Jan. 17	Captain		
Eurydice	2 k	Knox	Brit. sh.	1154	Feb. 4	Captain		
Fort Stuart	8 h	Vanstone	Brit. sh.	2312	Nov. 5	Order		
Fred. P. Litchfield	2 k	Hardy	Amer. bqe.	991	Nov. 20	Order		
Galveston	3 c	Petersen	Ger. bqe.	650	Dec. 28	Wieler & Co.		
John Baizley	3 k	Wall	Amer. sch.	—	May 30	Order		
John R. Kelley	2 k	Chapman	Amer. sh.	2255	Jan. 23	Standard Oil Co.		
Queen Victoria	2 k	Logie	Brit. sh.	1587	Feb. 4	Captain		
Rickmer Rickmers	3 k	Ahlers	Ger. sh.	1914	Feb. 3	Captain		
Santa Cruz	2 k	O'Keefe	Amer. sch.	120	Jan. 3	Captain		
Sumbawa	5 k	Rehberg	Brit. bqe.	1065	Dec. 27	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Tacoma	5 k	Gaffry	Amer. sh.	1672	Jan. 13	Standard Oil Co.		
West York	5 k	Davis	Bri. bqe.	688	Oct. 18	Order		

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Æolus	twin-screw cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Captain Robert L. Groome	Shanghai
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	12	3000	Commander F. G. De Lisle	Hongkong
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	3500	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Yokohama
Centurion*	twinscrew battle ship	10,500	41	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Hongkong
Daphne	sloop	1140	16	2000	Commander MacArthur	Manila
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	9	200	Lt.-Com. H. P. Barton	Ichang
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	6	360	Lieut.-Com. Vernon Maud	Hongkong
Grafton†	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	36	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1640	—	800	Commander F. W. Wyley	Hongkong
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	34	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	K'loon Dock
Linnet	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	8	870	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Tientsin
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	34	8500	Commander McAlpine	Nagasaki
Peacock	gunboat 1st class	750	10	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Nagasaki
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	710	10	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Hongkong
Pique	cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Capt. A. C. Curry	Singapore
Plover	gunboat 1st class	755	10	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Shanghai
Porpoise	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	3500	Commander F. R. Pelly	Canton
Rainbow	cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Captain Wm. O. C. Forsyth	Singapore
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	715	10	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hongkong
Redpole	gunboat 1st class	805	10	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Hankow
Spartan	twin-screw cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Captain Alfred L. Winsloe	Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	8	870	Act.-Com. Youel	Manila
Tamar	ex-transport	2047	—	—	——	Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	5	200	——	Hongkong
Undaunted	armoured cruiser	5600	34	8500	Captain John S. Halifax	Nagasaki
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5157	14	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Wivern	coastdefenceship, armoured	2750	12	1000	——	Hongkong

Torpedo Boats in Reserve Nos. 8, 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 second class boats.

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Korniloff	Russian cruiser	5500	32	6000	Captain Molas	Hongkong
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	7781	32	9500	Captain Kasberinlnoff	Nagasaki
Africa	Portuguese transport	1993	—	—	Capt. Antonio Sergio de Souza	Macao
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenego	Vladivostock
Alger	French cruiser	4000	30	8000	Captain Boutet	Shanghai
Arcona	German cruiser	2300	18	2400	Captain Becker	On a cruise
Aspic	French gunboat	475	4	450	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	6010	26	4400	Commander Fortin	Saigon
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	462	5	400	Capt. A. T. Da Costa e Silva	Hongkong
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	13	1150	Captain Molas	Shanghai
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3500	Captain F. Wildes	Chemulpo
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3290	22	4400	Capt. Enrique Sanlula	Manila
Cométe	French gunboat	495	4	500	Capt. Simon	Shanghai
Detroit	U. S. cruiser	2000	16	5400	Capt. Reiter	Nagasaki
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Withhoff	Yokohama
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	—	Capt. Duclo	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	14	1500	Commander R. P. de Bonaure	Manila
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikff	Nagasaki
General Alava	Spanish gun-vessel	1200	—	—	Capt. Ramon Rochiquet Freijille	Manila
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	12	1330	Capt. Bouchanoff	Nagasaki
Irene	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Commander du Bois	Amoy
Isly	French cruiser	4800	22	8000	Captain Pillot	Tourane
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	7800	Captain Zoye	On a cruise
Koningin Wilhelmina	Nederland cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. W. J. Derx	Amoy
Korejets	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Capt. Lindestroem	Yokohama
Kormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2800	Commander Brinkmann	Shanghai
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1330	13	1200	Capt. Beklemisheff	Nagasaki
Lion	French gunboat	500	6	500	Lieutenant Gaubet	Saigon
Machias	U. S. cruiser	1250	16	1600	Commander Mackenzie	Bangkok
Manila	Spanish transport	1057	2	1000	Captain Vimigra	Manila
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	9	1400	Commander Andruff	Nagasaki
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	850	Com. Reisinger	Tientsin
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5800	14	13,500	Captain J. J. Read	Hongkong
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	12	2000	Captain Radloff	Shanghai
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6060	38	8000	Captain Viremers	Nagasaki
Panther	Austrian cruiser	1500	10	—	Commander Koppel	Manila
Pluvier	French gunboat	545	6	450	Lieut. Commander Videl	Bangkok
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Captain Thiele	On a cruise
Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3090	19	4800	Com'der Jose Warleta	Manila
Rurik	Russian flagship	11,500	48	13,500	Comdr. Rodionoff	Hongkong
Silatch	Russian gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Baranoff	Vladivostock
Sivootch	Russian cruiser	950	18	1120	Captain Astremoff	Vladivostock
Viper	French gunboat	450	4	425	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Vsadink	Russian gunboat	500	8	3500	Capt. Greve	Nagasaki
Yorktown	U. S. cruiser	1700	18	3660	Commander Stockton	Nagasaki
Zabijaka	Russian cruiser	1230	12	1470	Commander Vanderakroff	Hongkong

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